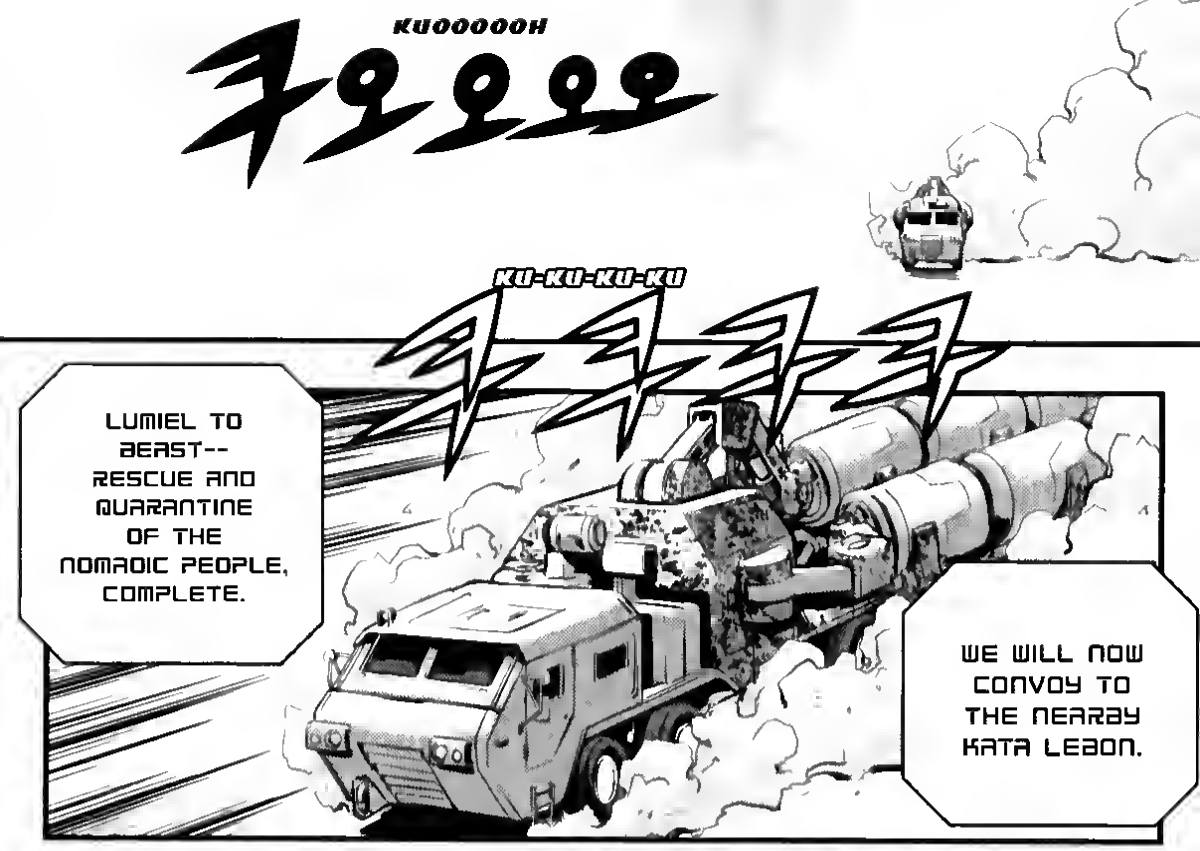
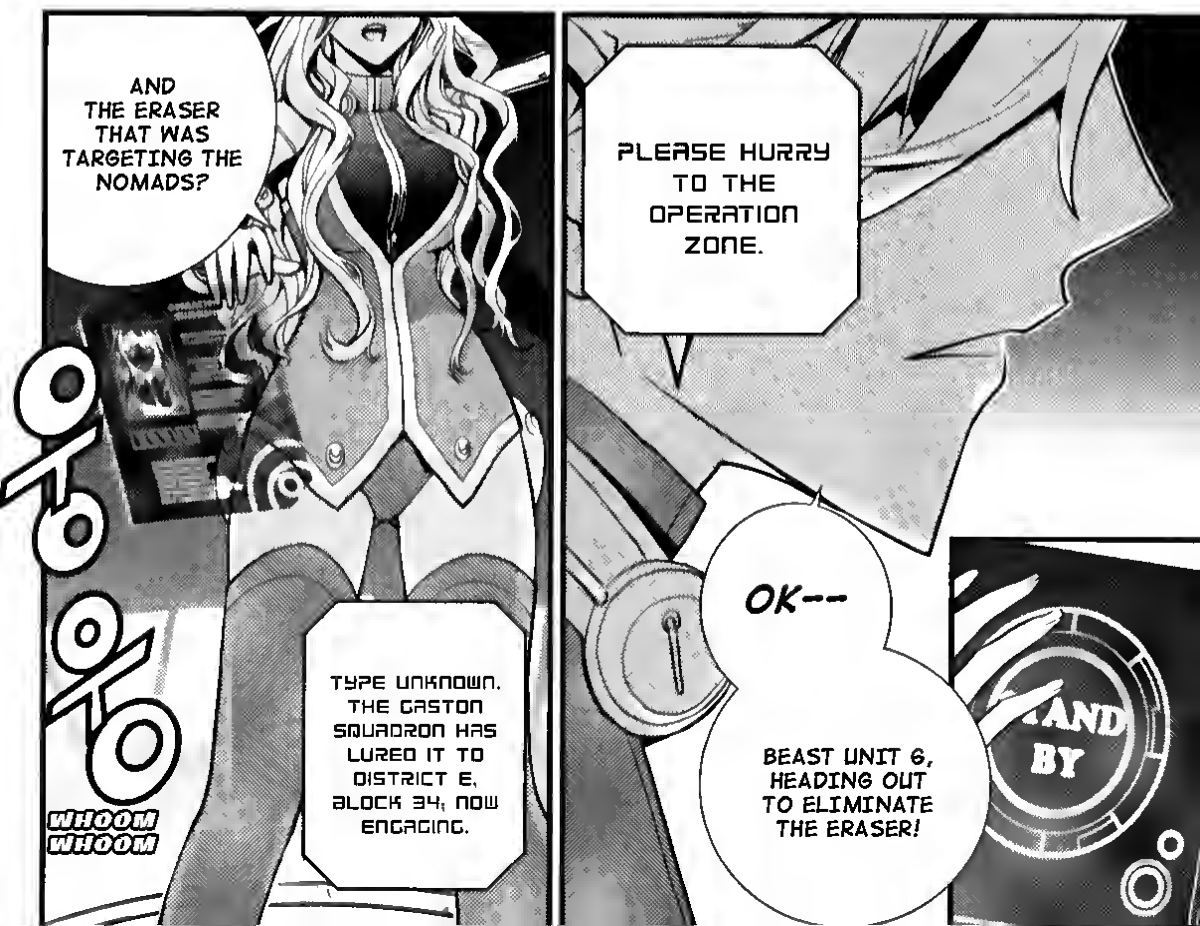
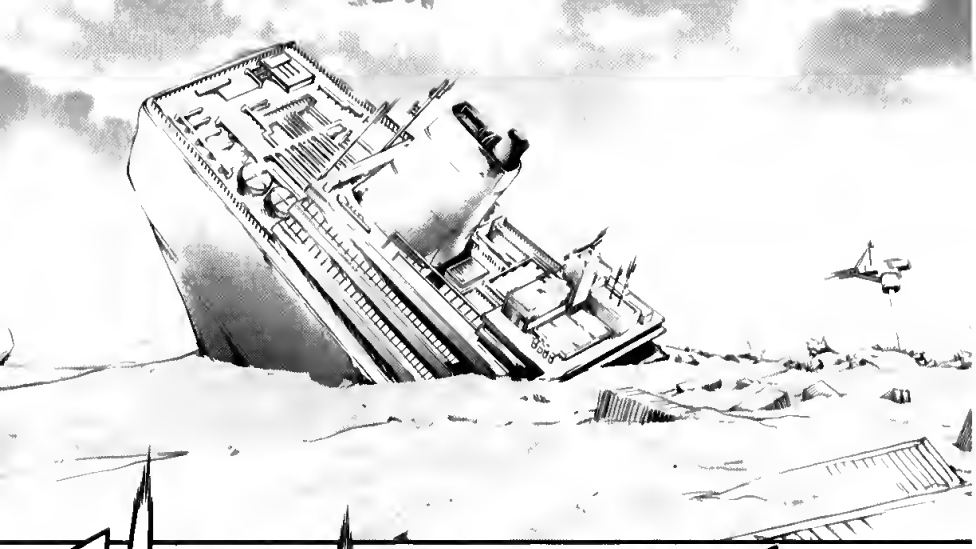

KUOOOOOH
쿠오오오
KU-KU-KU-KU
쿠쿠쿠쿠
LUMIEL TO BEAST-- RESCUE AND QUARANTINE OF THE NOMADIC PEOPLE, COMPLETE.
WE WILL NOW CONVOY TO THE NEARBY KATA LEAON.


AND THE ERASER THAT WAS TARGETING THE NOMADS?
WHOOM WHOOM
TYPE UNKNOWN. THE GASTON SQUADRON HAS LURED IT TO DISTRICT E, BLOCK 34; NOW ENGAGING.
PLEASE HURRY TO THE OPERATION ZONE.
OK--
BEAST UNIT 6, HEADING OUT TO ELIMINATE THE ERASER!
STAND BY

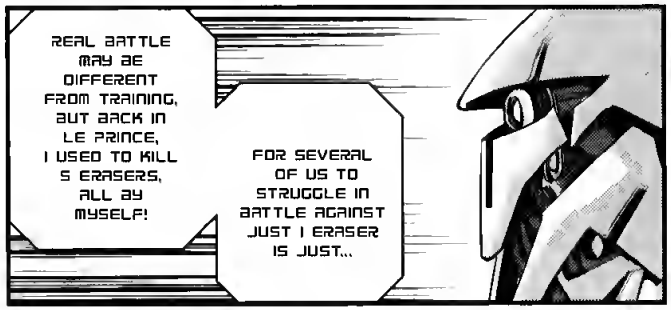
MAGIC 04. LUKE & JENNY



KA-BOOM

BOOM BOOM
ROOKIE, YOU OKAY?
Y- YES, I'M FINE!
WE'VE COMPLETED OUR MISSION, NOW THAT WE'VE LURED IT HERE, THE REST IS UP TO THE BEAST.
B- BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG, CAPTAIN!

KA-BOOM


REAL BATTLE MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM TRAINING, BUT BACK IN LE PRINCE, I USED TO KILL 5 ERASERS, ALL BY MYSELF!
FOR SEVERAL OF US TO STRUGGLE IN BATTLE AGAINST JUST 1 ERASER IS JUST...
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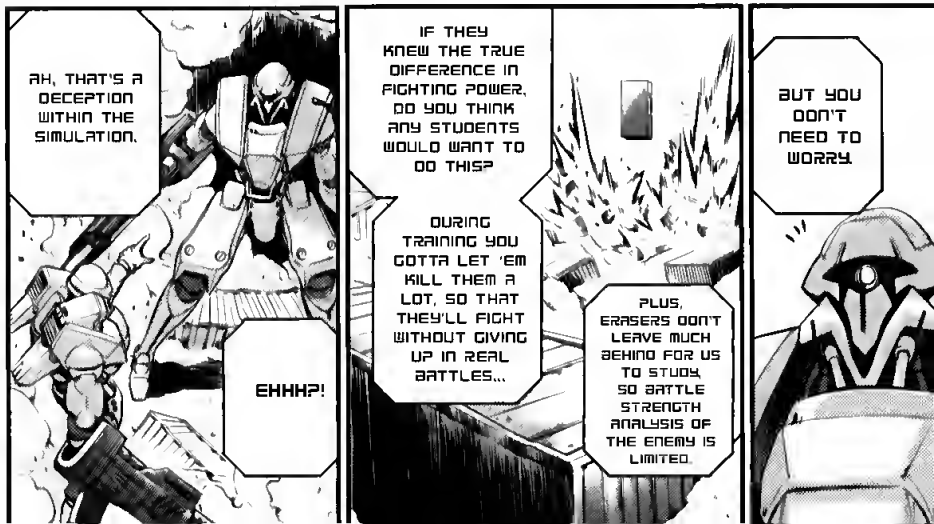

AH, THAT'S A DECEPTION WITHIN THE SIMULATION.
EHHH?!
IF THEY KNEW THE TRUE DIFFERENCE IN FIGHTING POWER, DO YOU THINK ANY STUDENTS WOULD WANT TO DO THIS?
DURING TRAINING YOU GOTTA LET 'EM KILL THEM A LOT, SO THAT THEY'LL FIGHT WITHOUT GIVING UP IN REAL BATTLES...
PLUS, ERASERS DON'T LEAVE MUCH BEHIND FOR US TO STUDY, SO BATTLE STRENGTH ANALYSIS OF THE ENEMY IS LIMITED.
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.

SINCE WE'RE ON THIS JOINT-OPERATION WITH..
LUKE AND JENNY OF THE BEAST UNIT 6, ONE OF THE TOP 3 UNITS...!
OHHHH~!!
I'M A TOTAL FAN! IN FACT, THEY'RE THE REASON I ENLISTED IN MAGIC...
HEY, STOP THE CHITCHAT, AND DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
ROOKIE! ABOVE YOU--!!
EH?

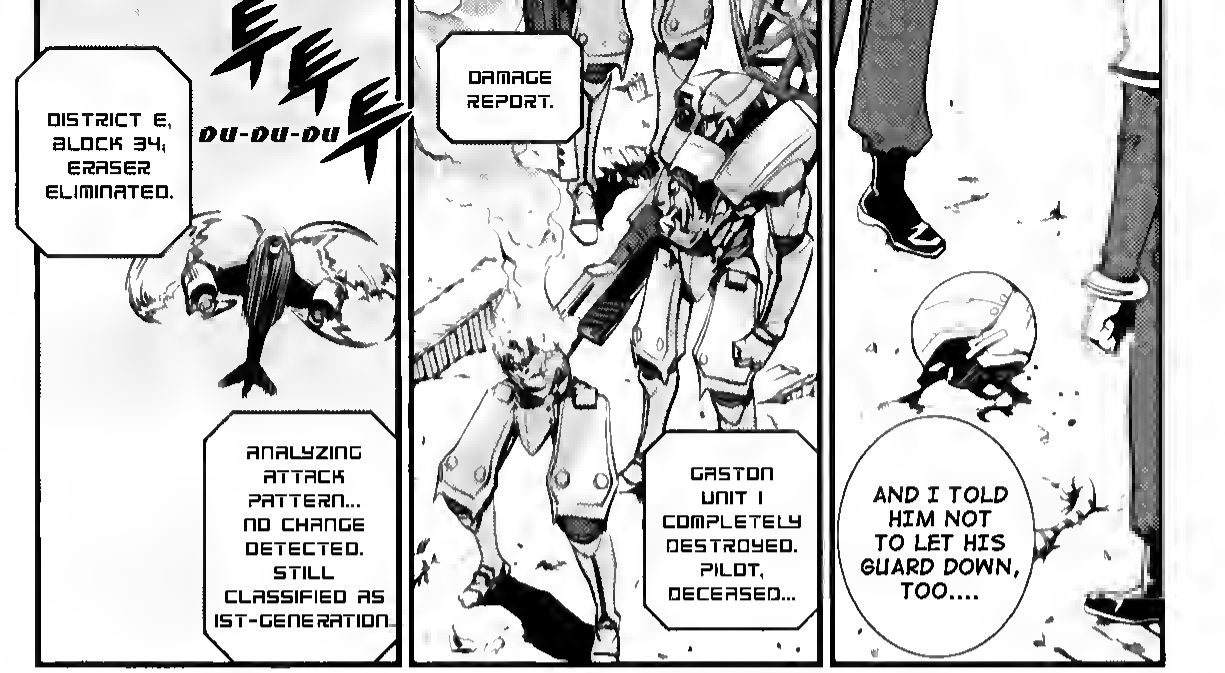
WU...!
PA-PA-PA-PA
WUAAAAAH --!!
PA-BOOM

OH NO...
ROOKIE...!
D- DAMMIT! WE'RE ALL DEAD!!

탕탕탕
RRRRRRRR

콰르르
RUUUMBLE
파지지
PA-CHING
PA-CHING
POW
펑!
펑펑펑!
KA-POW POW

콰드득
CRUNCH
콰콰콰콰!
KA-PA-PA-POW


DISTRICT E, BLOCK 34, ERASER ELIMINATED.
E E E
DU-DU-DU
ANALYZING ATTACK PATTERN... NO CHANGE DETECTED. STILL CLASSIFIED AS 1ST-GENERATION.
DAMAGE REPORT.
GASTON UNIT 1 COMPLETELY DESTROYED. PILOT, DECEASED...
AND I TOLD HIM NOT TO LET HIS GUARD DOWN, TOO....

.....
IT COULDN'T BE HELPED, LUKE.
WE WERE LATE BECAUSE WE FOUND MORE NOMADS WHO HADN'T EVACUATED. WE HAD TO MOVE THEM TO SAFER GROUND BEFORE COMING HERE.
DOES THAT MEAN THAT FOLKS WHO CHOOSE TO LEAVE KATA LEBON BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE IT...
ARE STILL HIGHER PRIORITY FOR PROTECTION THAN SOLDIERS?

IF IT WERE MARI...
SHE WOULD HAVE ANGRILY YELLED, THEY BOTH HAVE TO BE SAVED.
OH, DID YOU HEAR? THE CANDIDATE WHO PILOTED BEAST 7,
AND FOUGHT THE 2ND-GEN ERASER WAS YOUR MARI.
THANKS TO THAT, I HEAR SHE'S BECOME A HEROINE AT LE PRINCE.
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY SHE ENTERS MAGIC.
SHE WAS NEVER ORDINARY, TO BEGIN WITH.
MOST LIKELY... SHE'LL GROW UP TO BE A RIVAL FOR A PLACE AMONG THE TOP 3.
REALLY? BUT I DOUBT SHE'LL WANT TO BE SEEN BY YOU AS A RIVAL, THOUGH.
WHAT?
WHATEVER. YOU THICKHEADED MAN...

IN ANY CASE, I NEVER VISITED HER IN THE HOSPITAL... SO I THINK I'M GONNA GO SEE HER AFTER THIS MISSION.

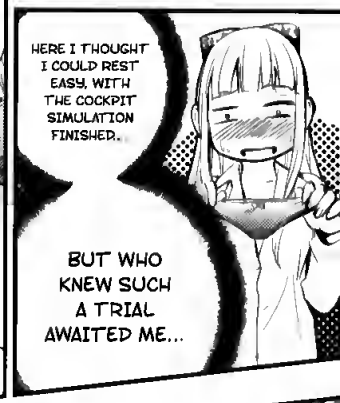
HAVE YOU BECOME MORE LADY-LIKE, I WONDER?
MARI...

두근
두근
BA-DUM
BA-DUM

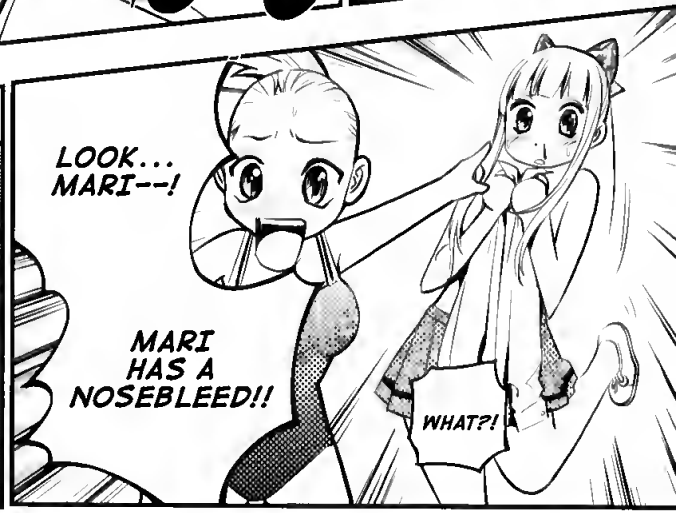
MURMUR
HEY, HAVE YOUR BREASTS GOTTEN BIGGER?
A SWIM CLASS --!!
THAT I'D HAVE TO... MARI'S SWIMSUIT...? IN THIS BODY...?!

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY EXTRA HAIR BANDS?
MURMUR

C- CALM DOWN. I'M A WOMAN NOW. A WOMAN NAMED JANG MARI!


HERE I THOUGHT I COULD REST EASY, WITH THE COCKPIT SIMULATION FINISHED.
BUT WHO KNEW SUCH A TRIAL AWAITED ME...

KYAAAAH~!!
EH?


LOOK... MARI--!
MARI HAS A NOSEBLEED!!
WHAT?!

THAT'S REALLY BAD! SHE'S STILL NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM HER INJURIES!!
MARI, YOU CAN SKIP THIS CLASS! NURSE!!

IN A BLANK DAZE
I CAUSED A MISUNDER-STANDING THERE.
FEELIN' A LITTLE REGRET...
IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD SKIP THE PRACTICAL LESSONS THE SAME WAY..
WAKE UP CHOI IL-GUN! DID YOU FORGET WHY YOU ARE AIMING FOR MAGIC, THE REASON YOU ENTERED LE PRINCE?!
PLUS, DON'T FORGET YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE SCHOOL'S NO.1, JANG MARI!!
IF MARI GETS POOR MARKS BECAUSE OF ME...
IT MIGHT BECOME MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO JOIN MAGIC, LET ALONE FIND A WAY TO RETURN TO OUR ORIGINAL SELVES!
MR. VINCENT SAYS HE'S GOT EVERYTHING COVERED, BUT...
CAN I REALLY TRUST HIM?
IT'S A GOOD THING THERE AREN'T ANY PRACTICAL TESTS FOR A WHILE...
BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
THE REASON WHY THE SWIMMING LESSONS ARE MANDATORY FOR PILOT TRAINEE PROGRAM...
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE BEAST'S COCKPIT?

Eh
TAP
CHUAAAH

GLANCE
SHOCK
58 SECONDS.
HANA, THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU. ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL PHYSICALLY?
IT'S JUST...
I DON'T FEEL LIKE TRYING, SINCE I HAVE NO REAL COMPETITORS.
SERIOUSLY...
I'M SO GLAD I'M SKIPPING THIS CLASS.
AHAHA...
BUT THE COMRADE NEXT TO ME...!
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SEVERELY INJURED!!
WAS SHE DISAPPOINTED. THAT "MARI" DID NOT PROTECT HER "COMRADE"?
SHE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORRIED FOR "ME", COULD SHE?

THIS IS CHOI IL-GUN. LIKE YOU, HE'S HERE AT THIS INSTITUTION BECAUSE HE LOST HIS PARENTS TO THE ERASER.
HANA, WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AFTER HIM UNTIL HE GETS USED TO THIS PLACE?
LISTEN TO ME...!
FOR KIDS LIKE US WITHOUT PARENTS, WE FIRST HAVE TO BECOME STRONG, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE OUT THERE!
BOOK BAGS!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY TWO EASILY!
MOPPING UP!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLEAN THIS ALONE, EASILY!
HANG UP THE FUTON, ALONE!
CLEAN UP THE DESK, ALONE!
YOU'RE BAD~!
YOU'RE PUSHING THESE THINGS ONTO ME, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THEM, RIGHT?!

HOLD ON, HANA~!
I'M SORRY! LET ME OUT...!!
BE QUIET! THIS IS PUNISHMENT FOR TALKING BACK TO ME!
REFLECT ON YOUR ACTIONS WHILE YOU'RE INSIDE!
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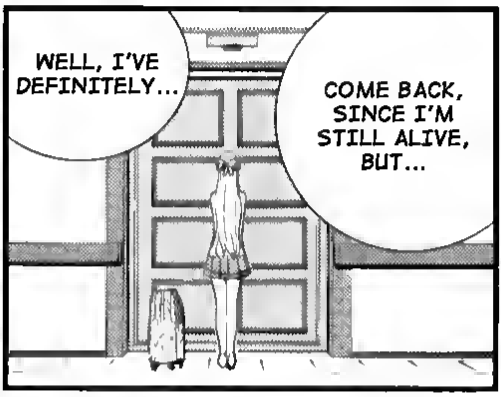
BAM BAM
쾅
NO~!
IF I'M STUCK INSIDE LIKE THIS, THEN I'M... I....
OH MY GOD~! ARE YOU OKAY, CHOI IL-GUN?!
HOW COULD YOU?! HE HAS CLAUSTRO-PHOBIA!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER PROPERLY ABOUT IL-GUN'S CONDITION!!
I GUESS THE ONLY TIME HANA WAS EVER WORRIED ABOUT ME...
WAS THAT ONE TIME, BUT STILL...
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?
THAT WATER THERE! GIVE IT TO ME...!

EH? OH, YEAH.
WHAT THE... YOU'RE SPACING OUT LIKE YOU'RE OFF ON SOME PICNIC.
IF YOU WERE GONNA SKIP CLASSES,
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO COME BACK AFTER YOU'RE TOTALLY RECOVERED?
AH...
THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME...
PBBT
?
??
?
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA! WHO SAYS I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU?!
I ONLY WANT TO HAVE A SHOWDOWN AGAINST YOU WHEN YOU'RE PERFECTLY HEALTHY---!

AND YOU...
MAKE SURE CHOI IL-GUN'S SACRIFICE ISN'T WASTED!
AH, HE'S...
WELL, IF IT'S THAT GUY, THEN...
NO MATTER HOW INJURED HE IS, AS LONG AS HE'S STILL ALIVE...
HE'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK TO THIS PLACE.
AAA
'CUZ HIS ONLY STRONG POINT IS NOT KNOWING WHEN TO GIVE UP...
D- DID SHE JUST PRAISE ME??
KOOOOM


WELL, I'VE DEFINITELY...
COME BACK, SINCE I'M STILL ALIVE, BUT...

GRANTED, FOLLOWING HER ORIGINAL LIFESTYLE PATTERN MIGHT HELP RETURN MARI'S CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT...
JANG MARI
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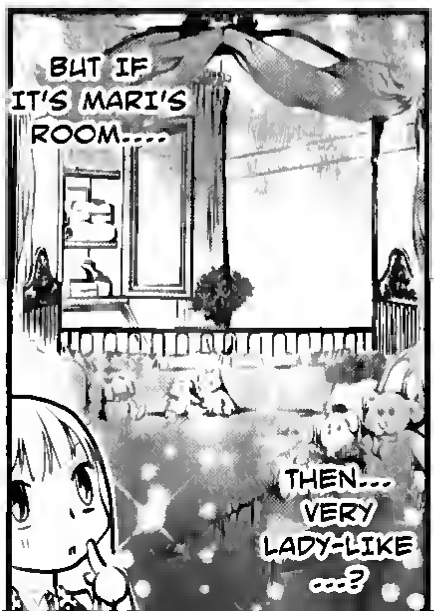
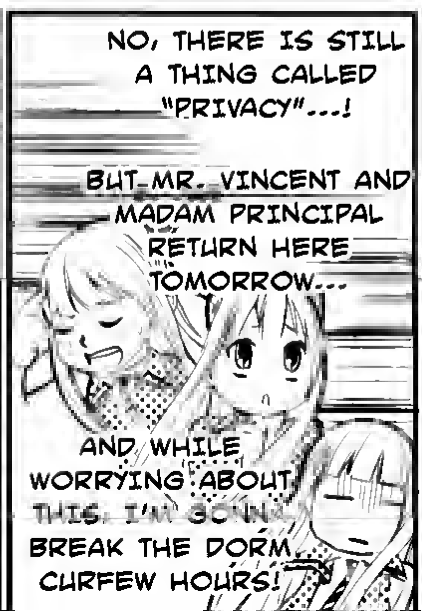
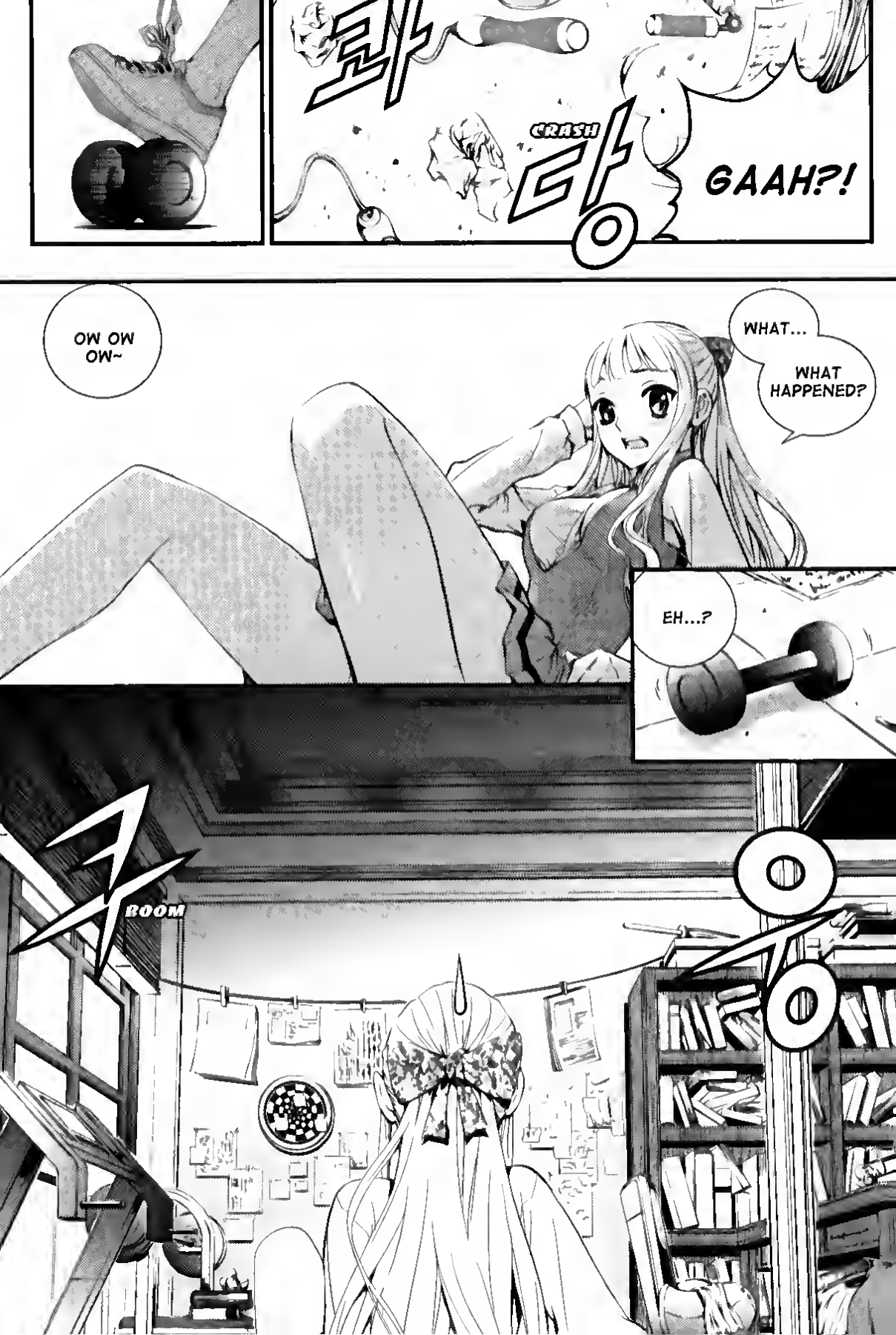
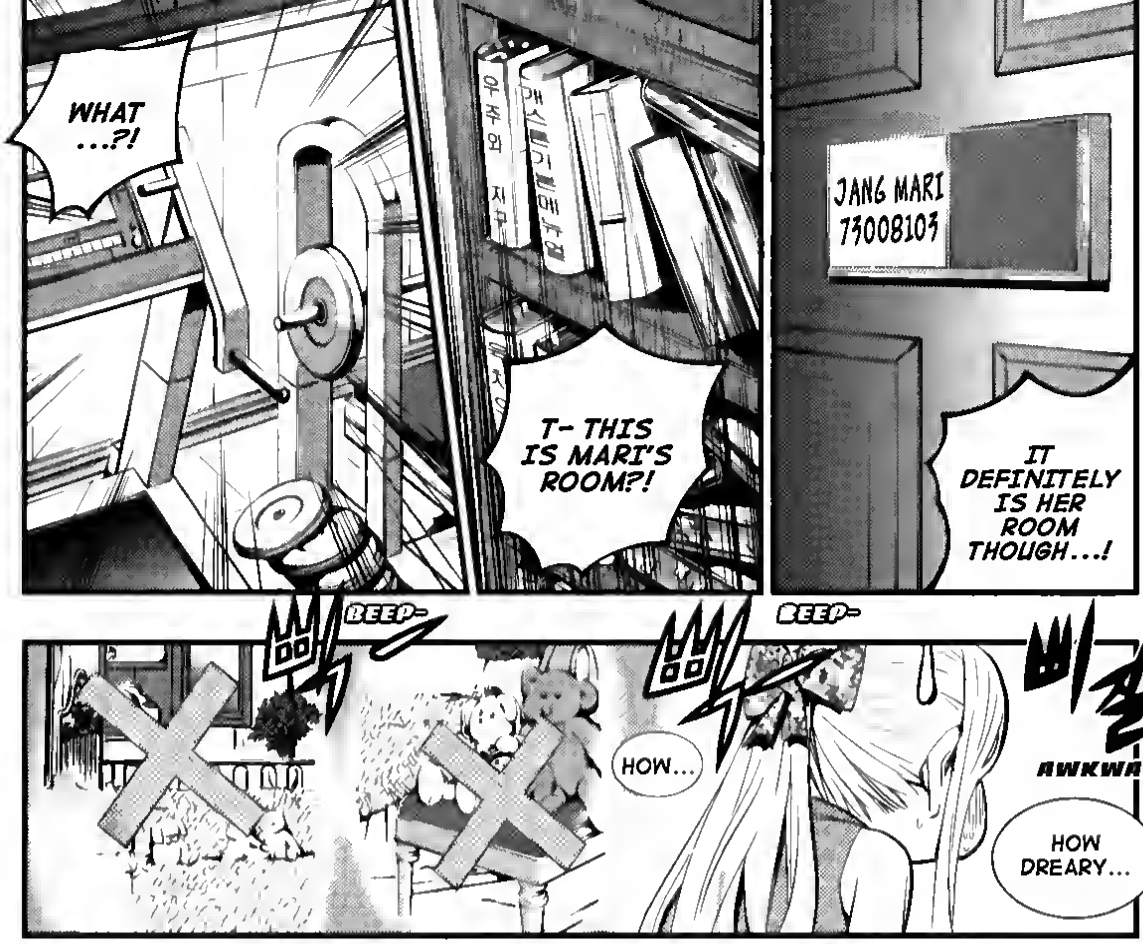
IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LIVE IN MARI'S DORM ROOM??

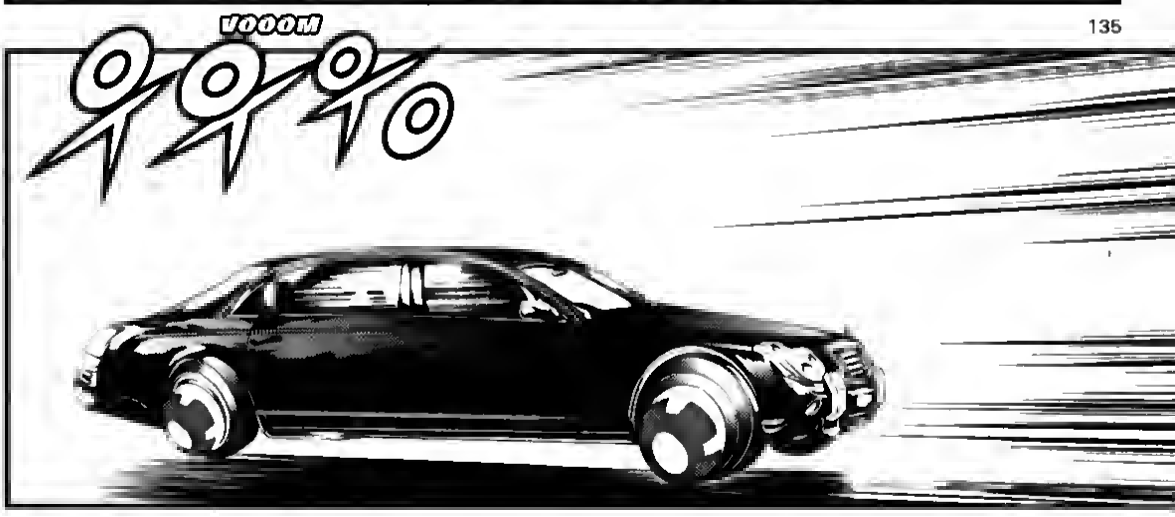

BUT IF IT'S MARI'S ROOM....
THEN... VERY LADY-LIKE ...?


NO, THERE IS STILL A THING CALLED "PRIVACY"...!
BUT MR. VINCENT AND MADAM PRINCIPAL RETURN HERE TOMORROW...
AND WHILE WORRYING ABOUT THIS, I'M GOING TO BREAK THE DORM CURFEW HOURS!

SORRY, MARI!
THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF RETURNING TO OUR-SELVES--!

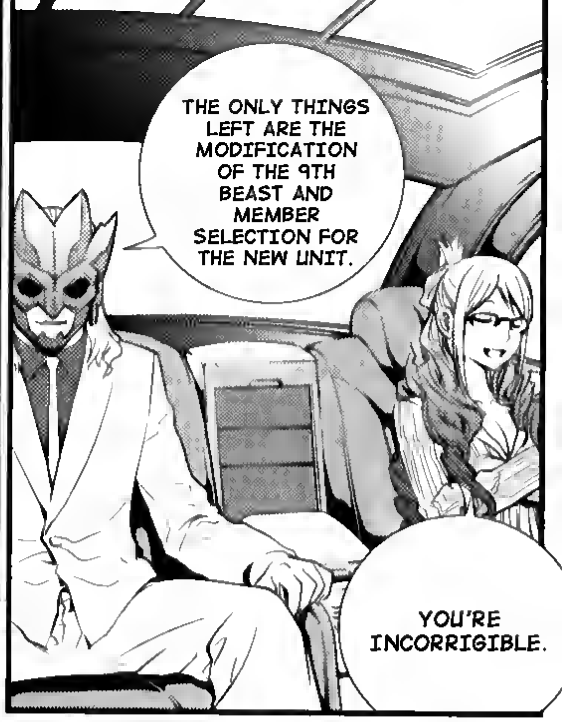

CRASH
GAAH?!
OW OW OW~
WHAT...
WHAT HAPPENED?
EH...?
ROOM


WHAT ...?!
T- THIS IS MARI'S ROOM?!
JANG MARI 73008103
IT DEFINITELY IS HER ROOM THOUGH...!
BEEP-
BEEP-
HOW...
AWKWARD
HOW DREARY...


VOOOM

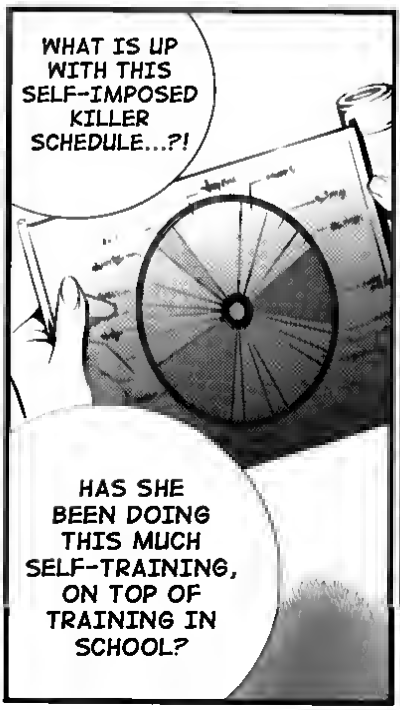
WHY ARE YOU SO FIDGETY, MISS BARBARY?
IT'S BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE I FORGOT TO GIVE CHOI IL-GUN SOME INFO ON MARI, THAT'S ALL...
AND IT'S BARBARA~!!

IT'S THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET.
BUDGET
GAAH!
ANYWAYS, WE FINALLY HAVE THE PERMIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW SQUADRON.
978,345,521
IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK TO PULL FUNDS OUT OF MRS. BASKERVILLE, BUT...

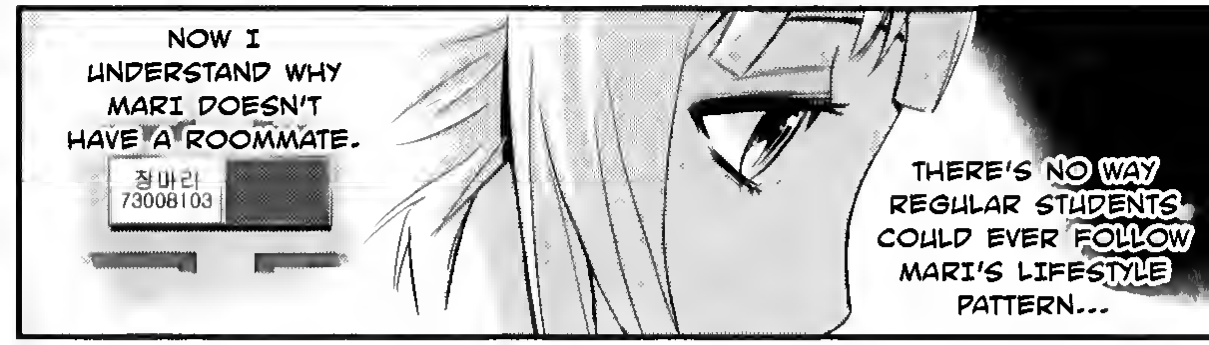

THE ONLY THINGS LEFT ARE THE MODIFICATION OF THE 9TH BEAST AND MEMBER SELECTION FOR THE NEW UNIT.
YOU'RE INCORRIGIBLE.

HAVEN'T YOU DECIDED ON AT LEAST ONE MEMBER ALREADY...
VOOOOOM

WHOAA~


WHAT IS UP WITH THIS SELF-IMPOSED KILLER SCHEDULE...?!
HAS SHE BEEN DOING THIS MUCH SELF-TRAINING, ON TOP OF TRAINING IN SCHOOL?

AND IN HER BATH, TOO...
SHE'S PUT UP PAGES FROM TRAINING MANUALS!


NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY MARI DOESN'T HAVE A ROOMMATE.
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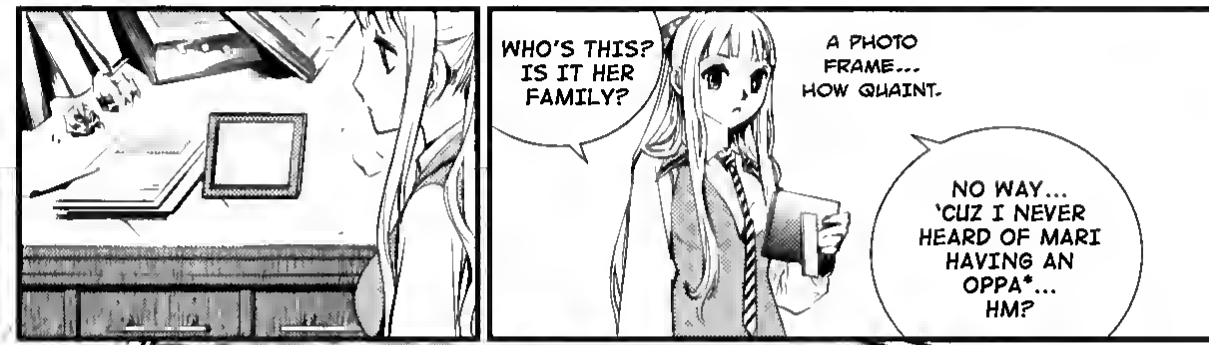
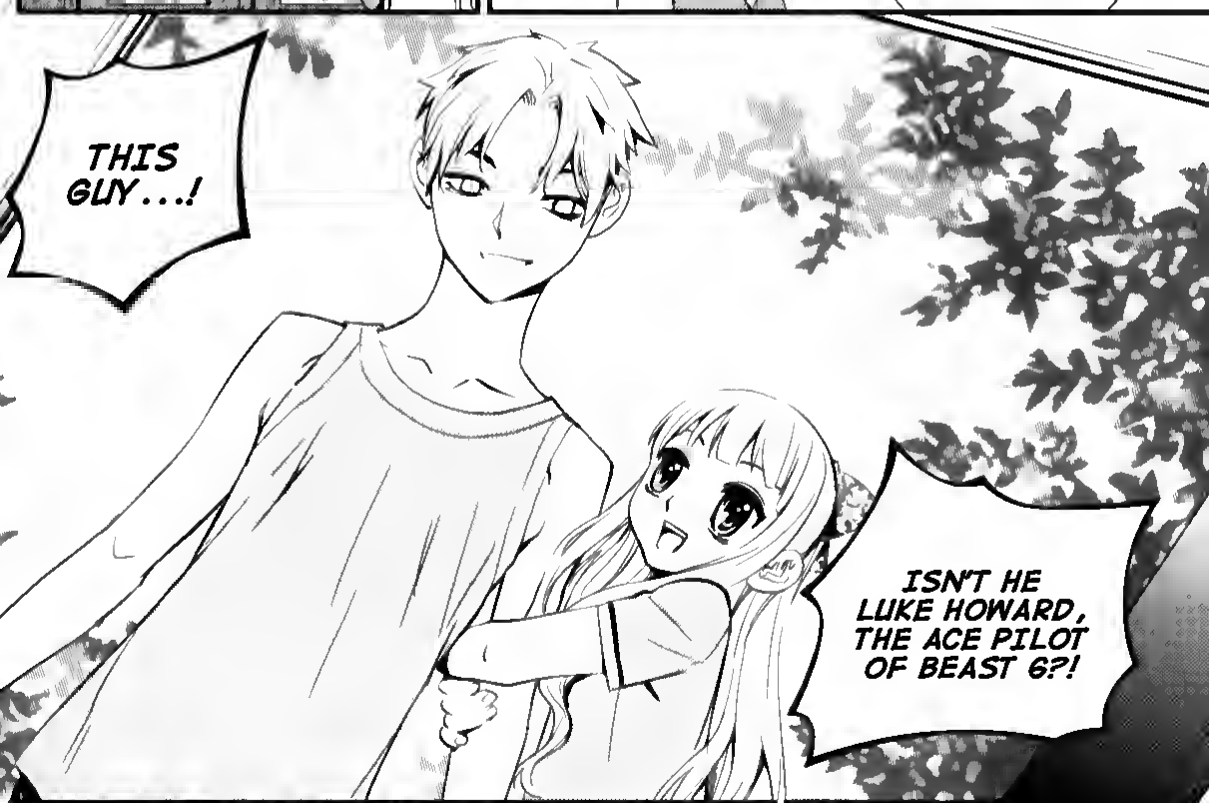
THERE'S NO WAY REGULAR STUDENTS COULD EVER FOLLOW MARI'S LIFESTYLE PATTERN...

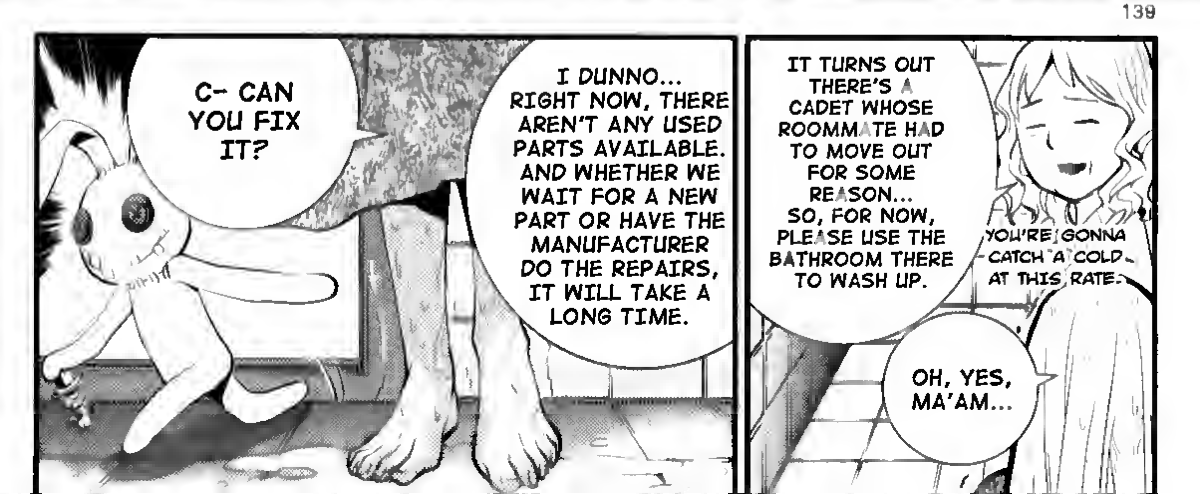
[*- "OLDER BROTHER" FROM A GIRL'S POV]

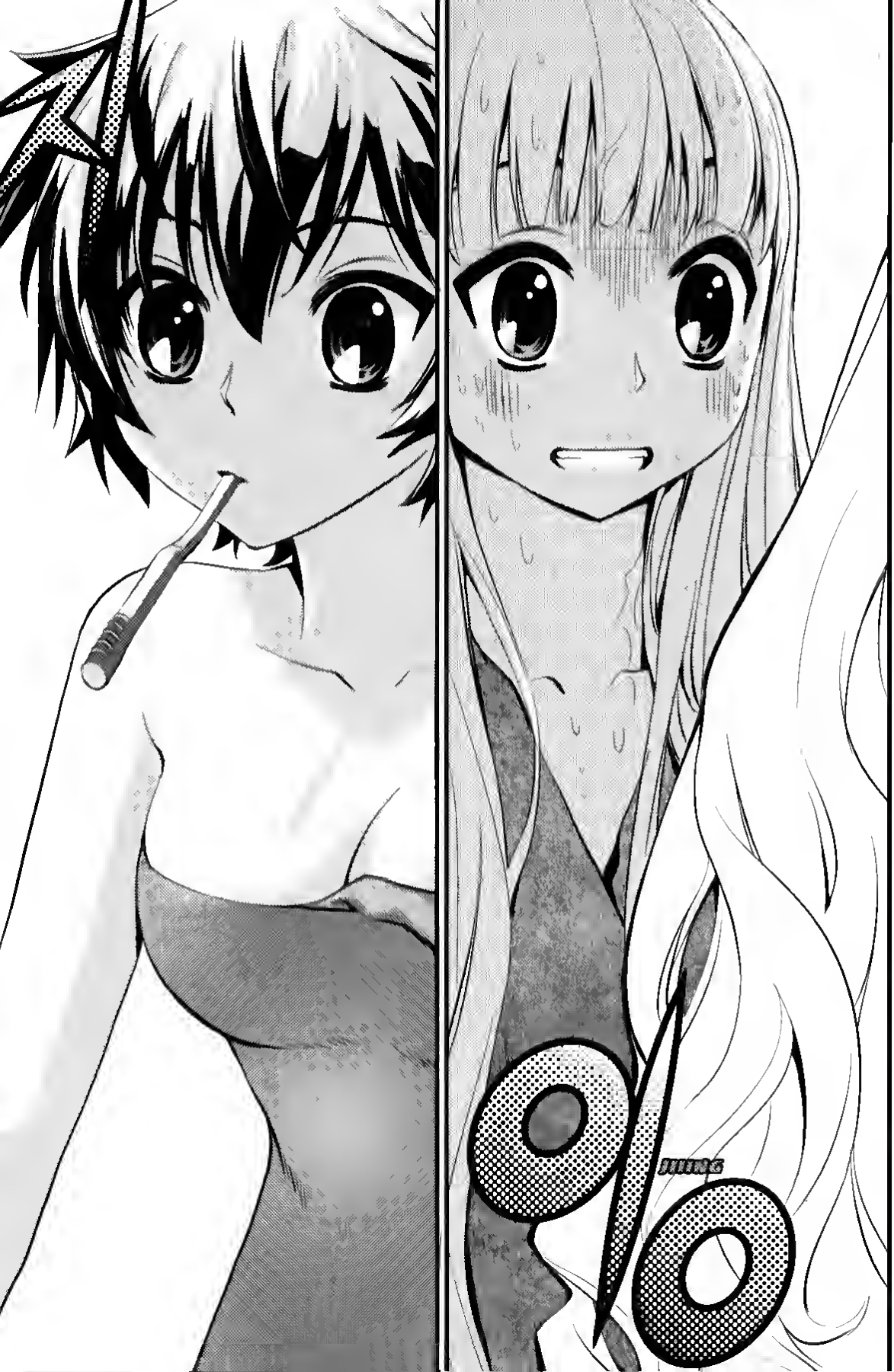




FLOP
AT THAT MOMENT...
AN IMAGE CAME TO MY MIND OF MARI AFTER SCHOOL IN HER ROOM, MEMORIZING MANUALS AND TRAINING HARD.
DUE TO HER LOOKS AND HER UNIQUE CHARISMA, AND THE FACT THAT SHE WAS ALWAYS #1...
MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING MYSELF, IDOLIZED HER AS A GENIUS; HOWEVER...
THE REALITY WAS VERY DIFFERENT.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER, BUT...
SHE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A REGULAR GIRL WHO TRIES ENDLESSLY TO REACH HER OWN GOALS.

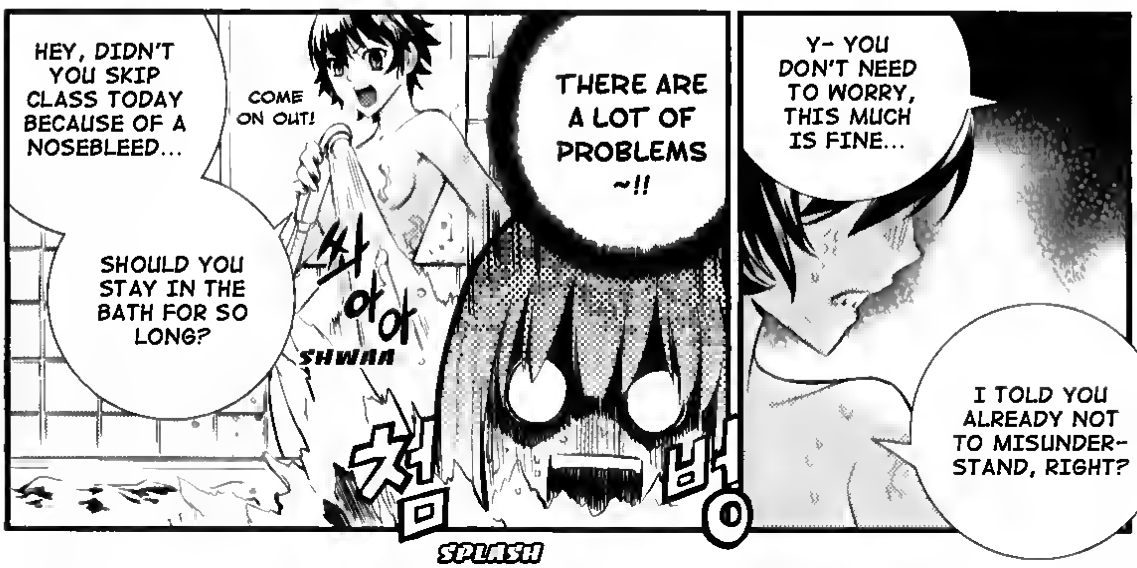
SOMEHOW...
I FEEL LIKE I CAN NOW BE MORE COMFORTABLE ABOUT BEING "MARI"...
SNIFF SNIFF
WU... I SMELL OF SWEAT...
I GOTTA WASH UP BEFORE TURNING IN.
SHWAA
AH, SO COLD!!
SHIVER SHIVER
HOW STRANGE! THE HOT WATER SYSTEM IS MISSING A PART COMPLETELY.
IT'S A SEMI-PERMANENT PART, SO IT SHOULDN'T JUST GO MISSING... BUT IT'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.


C- CAN YOU FIX IT?
I DUNNO... RIGHT NOW, THERE AREN'T ANY USED PARTS AVAILABLE. AND WHETHER WE WAIT FOR A NEW PART OR HAVE THE MANUFACTURER DO THE REPAIRS, IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME.
IT TURNS OUT THERE'S A CADET WHOSE ROOMMATE HAD TO MOVE OUT FOR SOME REASON... SO, FOR NOW, PLEASE USE THE BATHROOM THERE TO WASH UP.
YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD AT THIS RATE.
OH, YES, MA'AM...

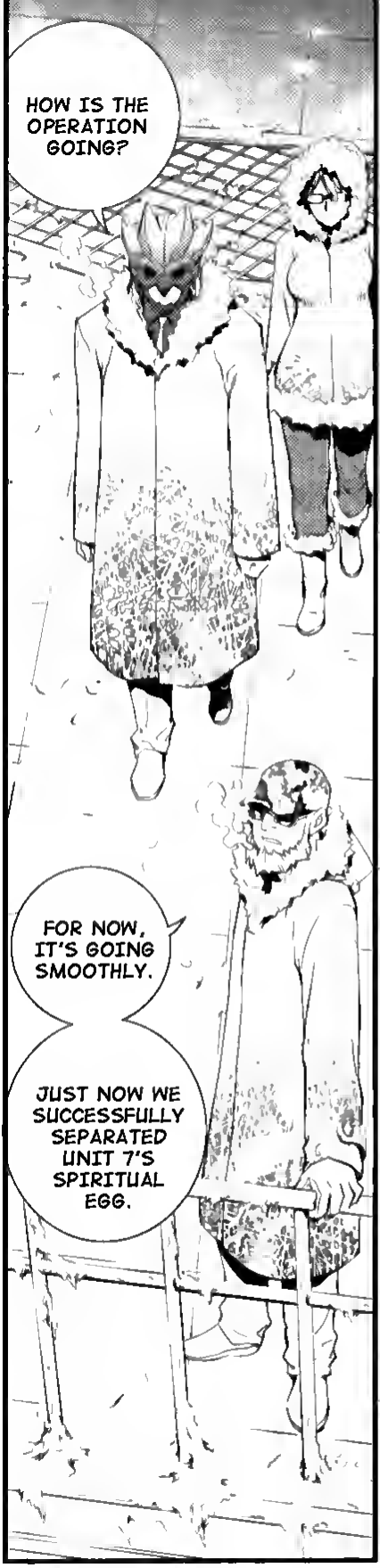


WELL, I DON'T REALLY MIND...
THANK YOU, HANA.
UH...
WHY? WHY?
WHY DO I KEEP GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOO HANA?!
MUST-NOT-LOOK! MUST NOT LOOK! MUST-NOT-LOOK!
BUBBLE BUBBLE

IT... IT'LL BE FINE. JUST HAVE TO GET THROUGH TONIGHT.
AND TOMORROW, MR. VINCENT WILL HAVE THIS ALL WORKED OUT SOMEHOW.
CHUAA
NO PROBLEM --!


HEY, DIDN'T YOU SKIP CLASS TODAY BECAUSE OF A NOSEBLEED...
SHOULD YOU STAY IN THE BATH FOR SO LONG?
COME ON OUT!
SHWAA
THERE ARE A LOT OF PROBLEMS ~!!
SPLASH
Y- YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY, THIS MUCH IS FINE...
I TOLD YOU ALREADY NOT TO MISUNDER-STAND, RIGHT?

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
BUT IN FOUR DAYS, IF YOU SKIP OUT ON THE PRACTICAL RE-TEST DUE TO YOUR HEALTH, THEN I WON'T GET TO HAVE A PROPER SHOWDOWN AGAINST YOU.
EH...?
KUOOOH
BOOOM


HOW IS THE OPERATION GOING?
FOR NOW, IT'S GOING SMOOTHLY.
JUST NOW WE SUCCESSFULLY SEPARATED UNIT 7'S SPIRITUAL EGG.

NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE HAD AN EXCHANGE OF SPIRITUAL EGGS BETWEEN THE BEASTS.
WELL, THIS IS A SPECIAL CASE, OF COURSE...

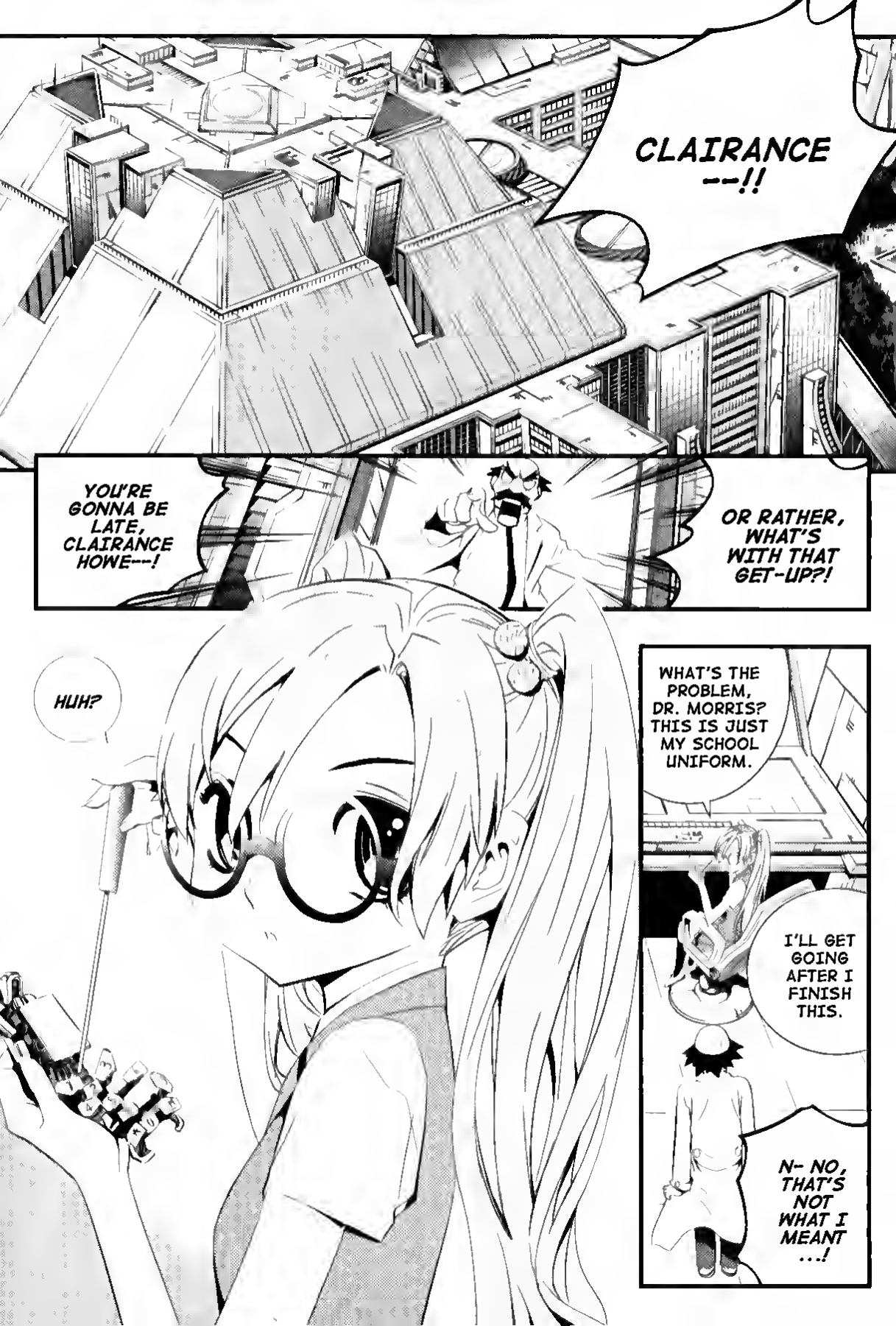
WHEN WILL YOU FINISH THE TRANSPLANTATION INTO UNIT 9?
I THINK WE'LL BE DONE IN FOUR DAYS.
FOUR DAYS...
THUS FAR I'VE AWAKENED ONLY 8 BEASTS...

I WONDER IF, IN FOUR DAYS' TIME, THE AWAKENING ROAR OF THE NINTH BEAST...
KUOOOOOH
WILL SIGNAL THE MAGIC'S VICTORY IN THIS LONG-FOUGHT WAR...

EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT. WE'VE EXAMINED AND RE-EXAMINED THIS PROCESS MANY TIMES.
RIGHT. THEN KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
PA-CHIK
HM? JUST NOW...
RE-...!
RE-TEST?!
WHOA...!
SPLISH

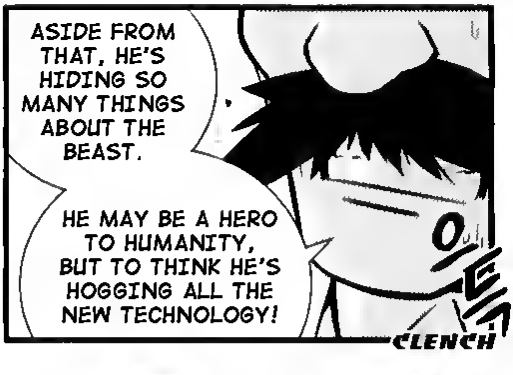
IT'S IN FOUR DAYS...
WHEN THE ERASER ATTACKED LAST TIME, PARTS OF THE DATABASE FOR THE PRACTICAL TEST WERE DESTROYED.
SINCE IT WAS A SIMPLE TEST OF MARKSMANSHIP IN THE GASTON, THEY JUST DECIDED TO RE-TEST US.
THIS TIME, I'LL DEFINITELY BEAT YOU --!
T- THIS IS BAD!!
FOUR DAYS...
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
BELLE ...

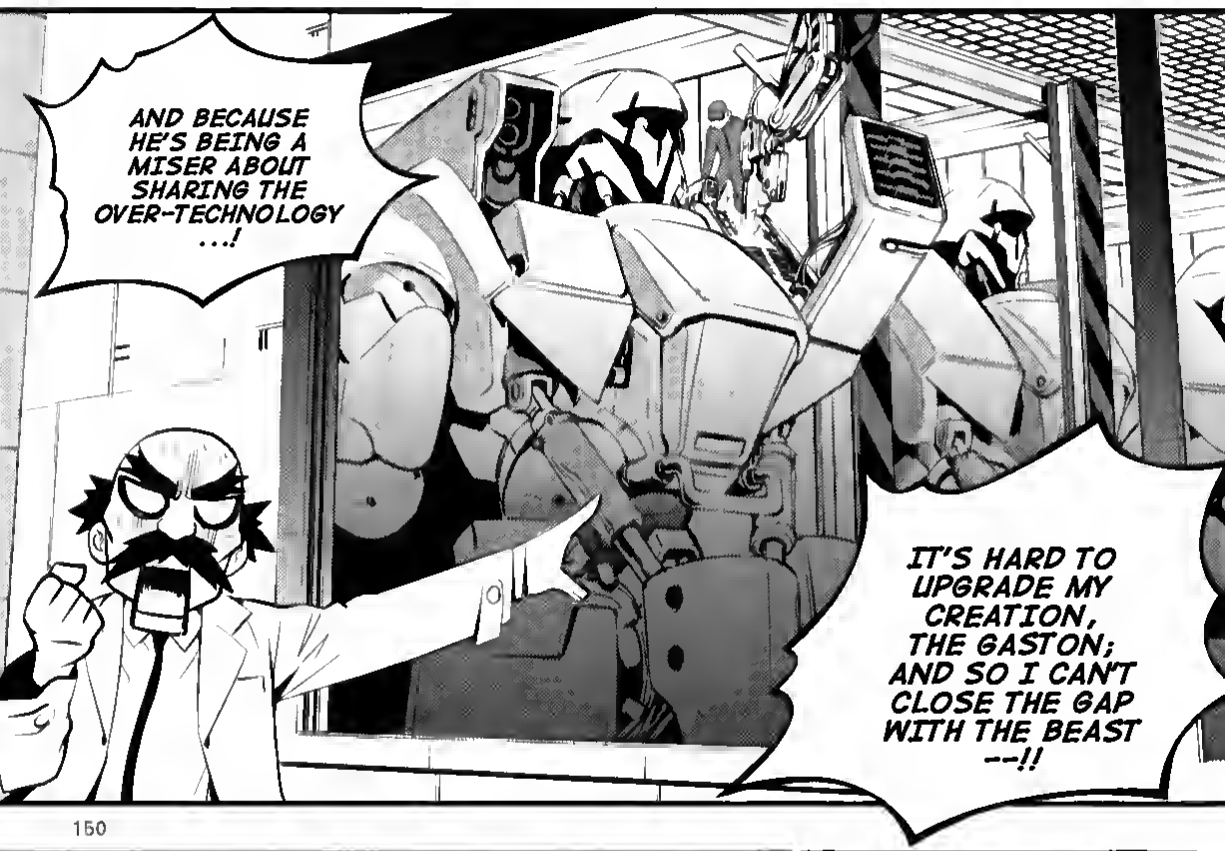
MAGIC 05. Dr. MORRIS

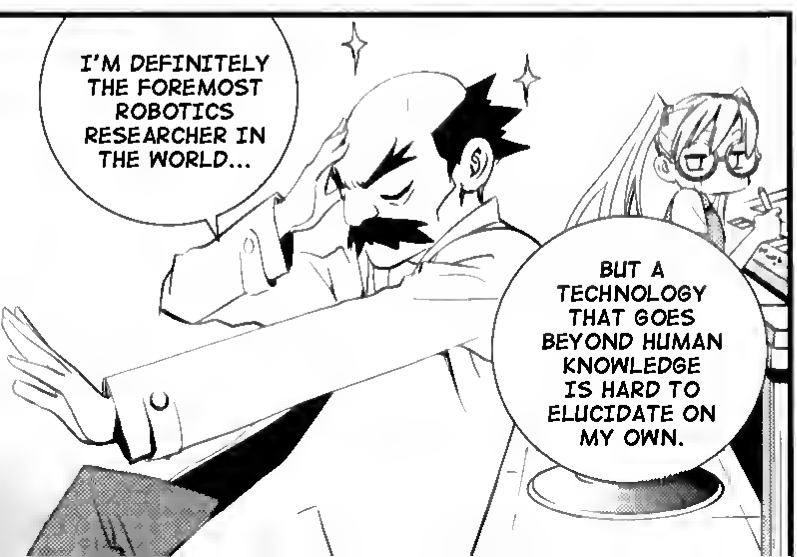

CLAIRANCE --!!
YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE, CLAIRANCE HOWE---!
OR RATHER, WHAT'S WITH THAT GET-UP?!
HUH?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, DR. MORRIS? THIS IS JUST MY SCHOOL UNIFORM.
I'LL GET GOING AFTER I FINISH THIS.
N- NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT ...!

TWIN-TAILS AND GLASSES...!
I'M TELLING YOU, YOU WON'T BE PICKED AS A BELLE WITH THAT "MOE" APPEARANCE!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT? MAGIC DOESN'T PICK BELLE BASED ON LOOKS...
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
ACCORDING TO THE DATA I COLLECTED OVER THE YEARS...
ALL THE CADETS THAT THE BASTARD VINCENT PICKED AS BEAST'S FEMALE PILOTS --
THEY ALL HAD BEAUTIFUL FACES AND NICE BODIES, ON TOP OF THEIR PILOTING SKILLS!!
THEY AREN'T CALLED BELLE FOR NOTHING!

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, IT MUST BE A COINCIDENCE.
CH-CHIK CHIK
THAT'S NOT IT, I TELL YOU~!


ASIDE FROM THAT, HE'S HIDING SO MANY THINGS ABOUT THE BEAST.
HE MAY BE A HERO TO HUMANITY, BUT TO THINK HE'S HOGGING ALL THE NEW TECHNOLOGY!
CLENCH


AND BECAUSE HE'S BEING A MISER ABOUT SHARING THE OVER-TECHNOLOGY ...!
IT'S HARD TO UPGRADE MY CREATION, THE GASTON; AND SO I CAN'T CLOSE THE GAP WITH THE BEAST --!!


I'M DEFINITELY THE FOREMOST ROBOTICS RESEARCHER IN THE WORLD...
BUT A TECHNOLOGY THAT GOES BEYOND HUMAN KNOWLEDGE IS HARD TO ELUCIDATE ON MY OWN.

LUCKILY YOU ARE MY TOP DISCIPLE, IN BOTH LOOKS AND SKILLS...
SO YOU MUST BECOME A BELLE AND...

COMPLETE YOUR MISSION, WHICH IS TO GATHER TOP-SECRET INFO ON THE BEAST.
NOW! TRANSFORM INTO A PRETTY GIRL WITH THESE SPECIAL-MADE, SEDUCTIVE CONTACT LENSES AND THIS PUSH-UP BRA; AND VINCENT WILL FALL...!
SQUIRT
AHHH! THERE ARE STAINS ON THIS PUSH-UP BRA I SPENT A FORTUNE ON--!
YOU~~~ CLAIRANCE HOWE! STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU!!
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL.
THAT'S MY CREATION OVER THERE, SO DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH IT!

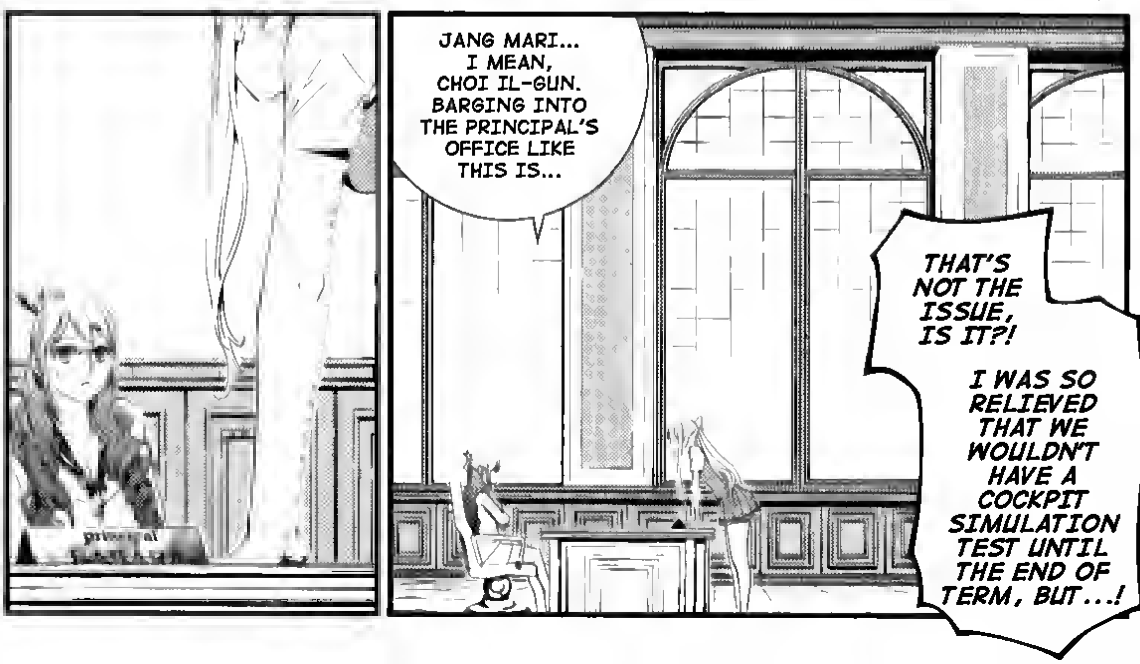
DAMMIT~ AFTER ALL MY EFFORT IN RAISING HER AS A DISCIPLE ...
BEEP --
JIING
GOOD DAY, DR MORRIS.
MAYOR SANDERLY?
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 9TH BEAST UNIT?
SERIOUSLY, WHY NOT GIVE JUST HALF OF THAT BUDGET TO ME?!
ISN'T VINCENT GOING TO DO ALL THE BEAST MODIFICATION BY HIMSELF, ANYWAY --?
SPEAKING OF THE 9TH BEAST...
IT SEEMS HE WILL AWAKEN IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN BEFORE.
YOU KNOW...
KEKEKEH
THAT I CAN HARDLY PASS UP A CHANCE LIKE THAT.

SERIOUSLY--
I ENLISTED IN THE MAGIC BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN THE BEAST...
HOWEVER...
I NEVER SAID I DID IT FOR YOU, MASTER.
FOR STARTERS, YOUR METHODS ARE TOO DIRTY FOR THE WORLD'S TOP SCIENTIST...
TADAN

KYAAH?!
BAM
OW OW OW...!
AH...!

I... I'M SORRY.
ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
JANG MARI?
AH...
NO...
BOW
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M IN A HURRY, SO...!
RUSHING OFF!
DID YOU SEE MARI JUST NOW...?
YEAH, ISN'T SHE SOMEHOW DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE?
WOULD YOU SAY SHE USED TO BE HAUGHTY... OR A BIT UNAPPROACHABLE...?
BUT NOW IT'S LIKE...
KYAAH~
SHE'S GIVING OFF A DIFFERENT KIND OF AURA OR CHARISMA ~♥
A CHANGE IN CHARACTER, AFTER PILOTING THE BEAST...
NOW, ISN'T THAT INTERESTING ??

WHA- WHA- WHA- WHAT DO I DO?! IT'S A RE-TEST --!!
ROOM


JANG MARI... I MEAN, CHOI IL-GUN. BARGING INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE LIKE THIS IS...
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE, IS IT?!
I WAS SO RELIEVED THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE A COCKPIT SIMULATION TEST UNTIL THE END OF TERM, BUT...!

IF I, AS MARI, GET A FAILING SCORE IN THIS TEST, THERE WILL BE A GREAT UPROAR.
AND THIS ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN SKIP, LIKE THE SWIM LESSON...
DON'T WORRY, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIMPLY TAKE THE TEST AS MARI.
WHAT?
OF COURSE, YOUR SCORE WILL BE MANIPULATED.
I ALREADY HAD A SPECIAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN THE TESTING SYSTEM.
BUT THAT'S...!
SINCE MARI USUALLY RECEIVES THE HIGHEST MARKS, NO ONE WILL SUSPECT ANYTHING.

BUT... CHEATING IS...
JANG MARI IS...
LE PRINCE'S TOP TALENT, AND OUR STRONGEST CANDIDATE FOR THE BEAST PILOT.
FOR HER TO FAIL SUDDENLY, AND CAUSE AN UPROAR -- WE WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN, EITHER.
ESPECIALLY IF THEY INTERPRET IT AS, "SHE FELL APART AFTER PILOTING A BEAST IN REAL BATTLE"...
...../

UNTIL HER CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS...
YOU MUST POSE AS "MARI" AS NATURALLY AS POSSIBLE.

THINK OF IT AS A WAY TO PREVENT ANY LEAKS OF NEGATIVE INFO...
ABOUT THE BEAST, WHICH FIGHTS AGAINST ERASER FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE.

OR... DO YOU HAVE SOME SECRET PLAN...
TO OVERCOME YOUR CLAUSTROPHOBIA AND SCORE AS HIGHLY AS MARI DID?

THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD HAVE A SECRET PLAN...
SO, SHOULD I JUST FOLLOW WHAT THE PRINCIPAL SAYS?
BUT THAT'S...
TOO CRUEL TO HANA...
UNLESS THERE'S A MAGICAL SOLUTION OUT THERE...
HAAAHHH~
I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER WAY.
!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A COCKPIT AS MARI, HAVE I?

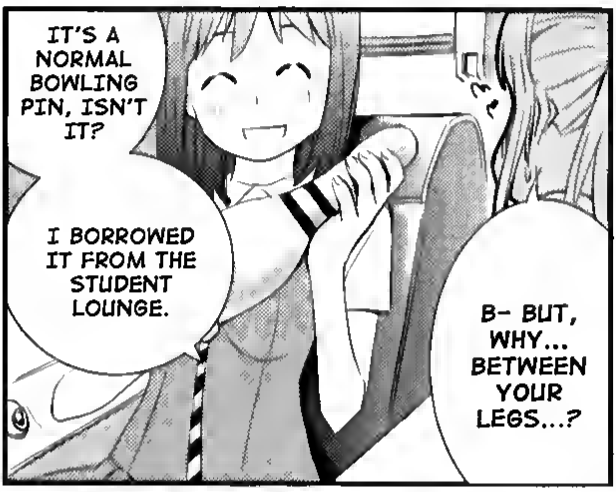
SHOULD I... TRY IT OUT?
PSHHHH!!
WHOA?!
"YAWN~"
I GUESS I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP...

WHAT TIME...
OH MY?
YOU'RE...

EH... YOU'RE JANG MARI, RIGHT? DID YOU COME HERE TO PRACTICE?
OH... YEAH, THAT...
OH, HOW EMBARRASSING~ I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP WHILE PRACTICING.
AHAHA...
HM?
BA-BOOM
TREMBLE
HM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
UH... THAT... THERE... BETWEEN... THE LEGS...

BETWEEN THE LEGS...
OH, THIS?
WAAAAH ~!!

TADA~


IT'S A NORMAL BOWLING PIN, ISN'T IT?
I BORROWED IT FROM THE STUDENT LOUNGE.
B- BUT, WHY... BETWEEN YOUR LEGS...?

IT'S BECAUSE THEY DECIDED TO SUDDENLY RE-TEST US.
ACTUALLY, MY CONCENTRATION WAVERS A LOT...
SO I ASKED MY BUTLER, IS THERE A WAY TO NOT GET NERVOUS, AND CONCENTRATE BETTER...
BUTLER?

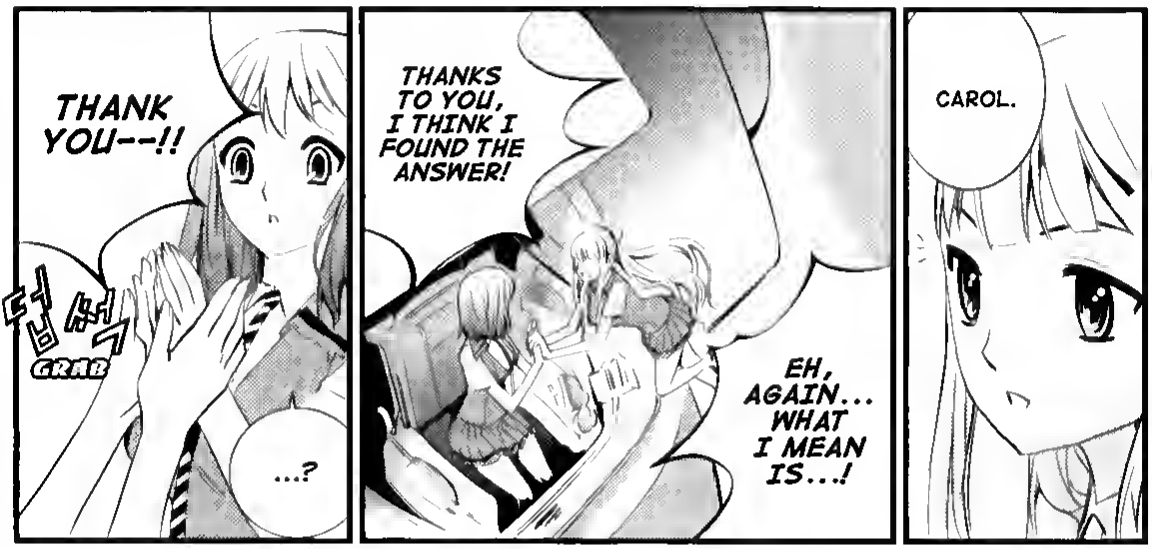
HAHAHA
WE MEN FORGET OUR NERVES AND CONCENTRATE SO MUCH BETTER, WHEN WE GRAB OUR @$%#$!!
...IS WHAT HE SAID.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING A GIRL THERE?

I GUESS IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO IMITATE...?
SWIPE SWIPE
I GUESS IT REALLY HAS TO CONNECT TO THE BODY...
WAH~!! WAH~!!

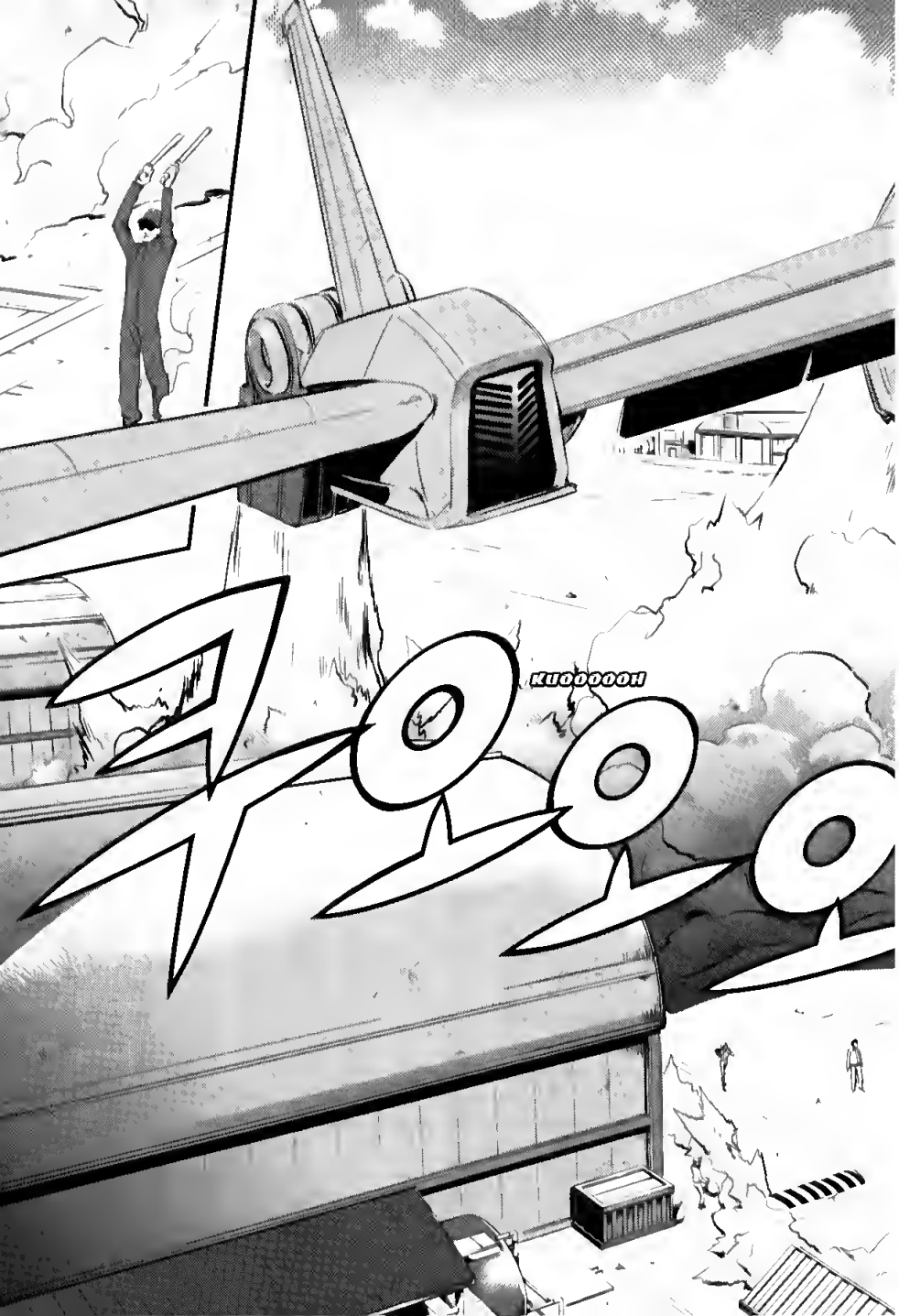
UH, UM, IF IT'S FOR A WOMAN...
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU CAN GRAB?
JUST WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING--?!
AHHHHHHHHH-
ohohoh~
THAT MAKES SENSE, BUT--
THERE ARE TWO, SO WHICH ONE SHOULD I GRAB?
IF I USE BOTH HANDS, THEN I CAN'T HOLD ONTO THE CONTROLLER ...
NO, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO USE BOTH HANDS...
!
WELL...? HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN A LITTLE?
IF YOU'RE COMFORTED BY THIS...

BA-DUM
WE CAN'T HAVE MARI FAIL AND CAUSE AN UPROAR.
I ONLY WANT TO HAVE A SHOWDOWN WITH YOU WHEN YOU'RE BACK TO 100% PHYSICALLY--!!

BA-DUM


THANK YOU--!!
GRAB
...?
THANKS TO YOU, I THINK I FOUND THE ANSWER!
EH, AGAIN... WHAT I MEAN IS...!
CAROL.

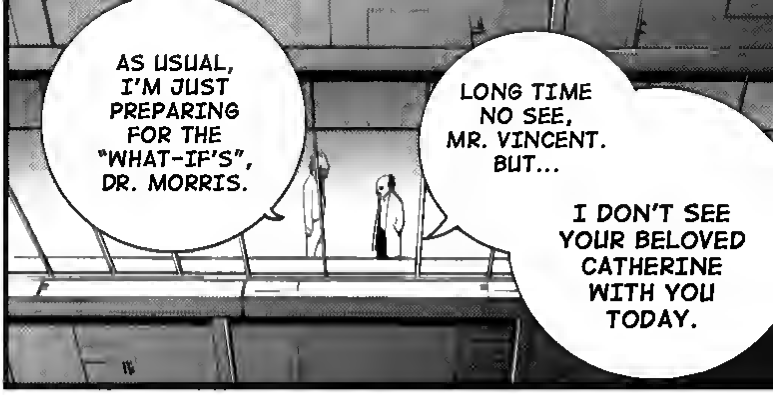
I'M CAROL BROWN.
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT IF IT HELPED YOU, THEN I'M HAPPY.


KUOOOOOH

KIIIING
KER-CHUK
철컥
BEAST 6.
ARRIVAL
AT THE BASE,
NOW
COMPLETE.

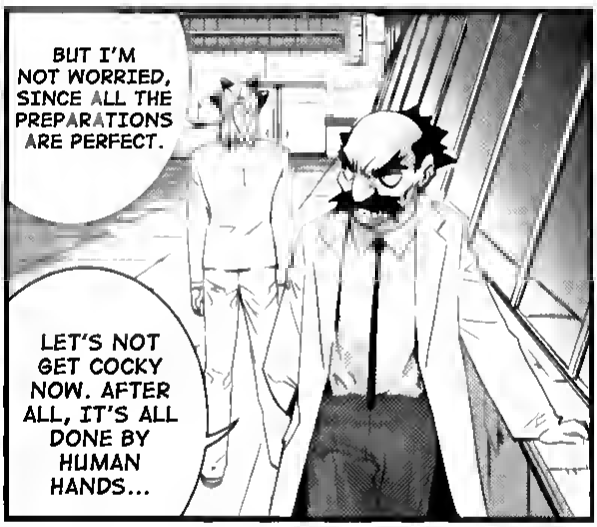
BEGINNING GUARD DUTY IMMEDIATELY.
ドドド

HOH~
SO BEAST 6
IS ON
STANDBY?
찰칵
CLICK


AS USUAL,
I'M JUST
PREPARING
FOR THE
"WHAT-IF'S",
DR. MORRIS.
LONG TIME
NO SEE,
MR. VINCENT.
BUT...
I DON'T SEE
YOUR BELOVED
CATHERINE
WITH YOU
TODAY.

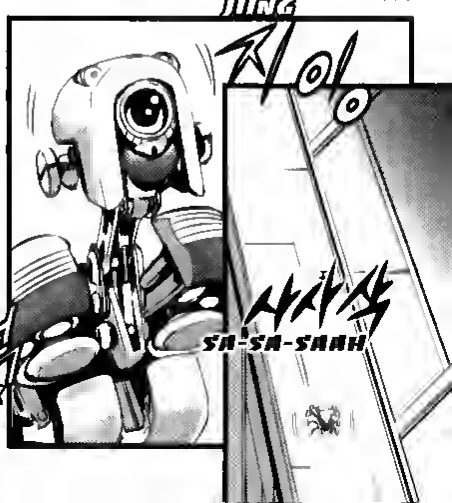
I DON'T
KNOW WHY,
BUT SHE SAID...
SHE HAD MORE
IMPORTANT
BUSINESS TO
TAKE CARE OF.

OHHH?
THAT IS
INDEED HARD
TO BELIEVE...


BUT I'M
NOT WORRIED,
SINCE ALL THE
PREPARATIONS
ARE PERFECT.
LET'S NOT
GET COCKY
NOW. AFTER
ALL, IT'S ALL
DONE BY
HUMAN
HANDS...

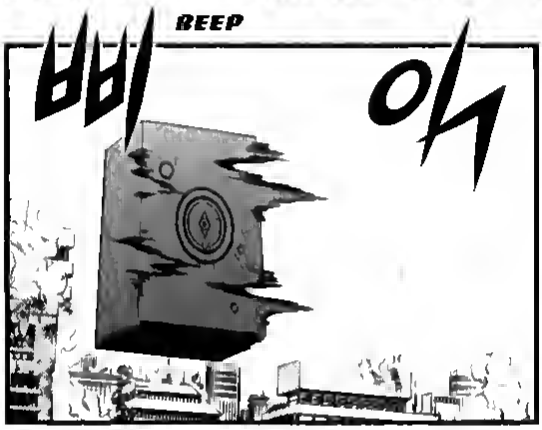
YES, SINCE
IT'S DONE BY
HUMANS...
THERE HAS
TO BE WEAK
POINTS!

찰칵
KER-CHUK

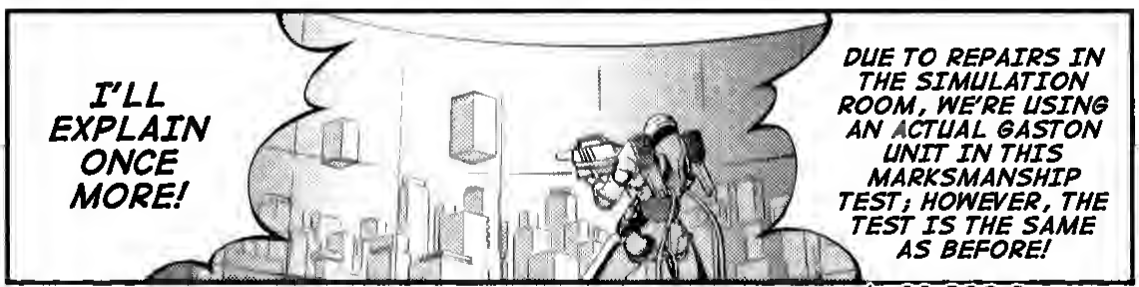

JIING
사사삭
SA-SA-SAHK

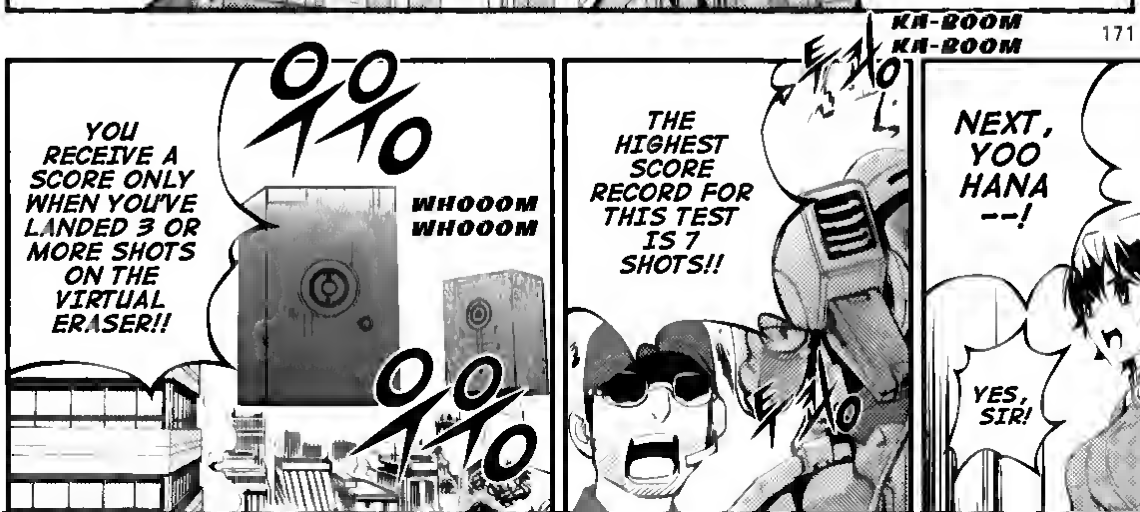
SHUNG
VOOOOOOOM
BEAST UNIT 9, TEST ACTIVATION, COUNTDOWN, BEGIN --

KA-BOOM


BEEP

STOP! NEXT, 73007012 LEWIS!
YES, SIR --!


I'LL EXPLAIN ONCE MORE!
DUE TO REPAIRS IN THE SIMULATION ROOM, WE'RE USING AN ACTUAL GASTON UNIT IN THIS MARKSMANSHIP TEST; HOWEVER, THE TEST IS THE SAME AS BEFORE!


KA-BOOM
KA-BOOM
YOU RECEIVE A SCORE ONLY WHEN YOU'VE LANDED 3 OR MORE SHOTS ON THE VIRTUAL ERASER!!
WHOOOM WHOOOM
THE HIGHEST SCORE RECORD FOR THIS TEST IS 7 SHOTS!!
NEXT, YOO HANA --!
YES, SIR!

AH....
DO YOUR BEST!

?!

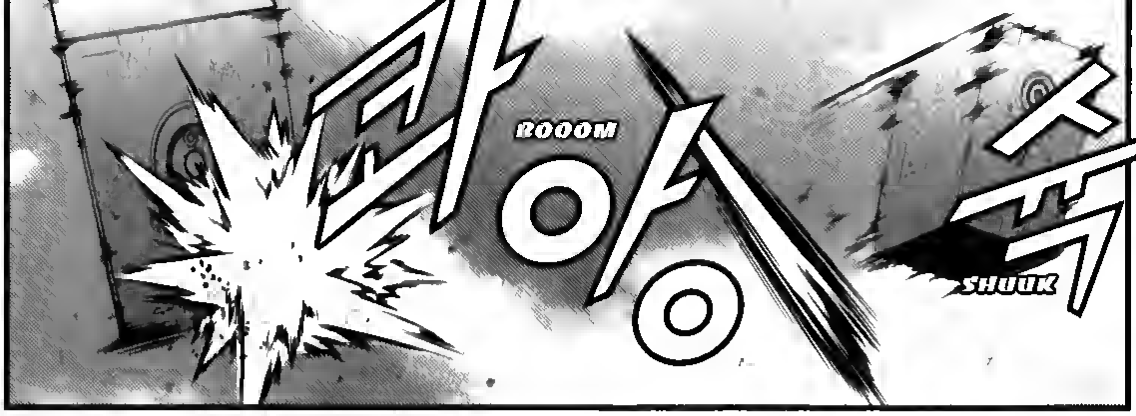
OH NO! I JUST SAID IT WITHOUT THINKING...
DID YOU SEE THAT?
SHE WAS ENCOUR-AGING HANA...!
WHAT IS THAT GIRL THINKING...?! YOU'RE MY RIVAL, Y'KNOW!!
ACTING ALL FRIENDLY JUST BECAUSE WE TOOK A BATH TOGETHER...!

ROOM
THIS IS A SHOWDOWN!!
SHUUNG
ROOM
THAT GIRL... SOMETHING SUBTLE HAS CHANGED ABOUT HER.

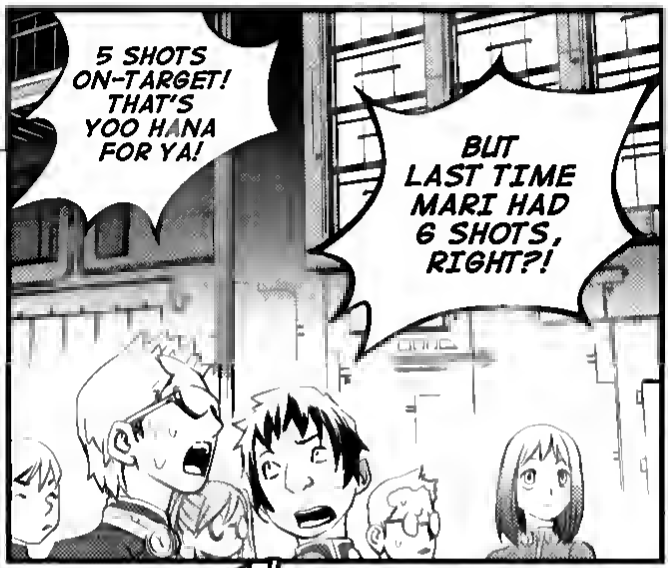
HER EXPRESSION IS ALMOST AS IF..

CHEER UP!

...!


BOOOM
SHUUK

BEEP--

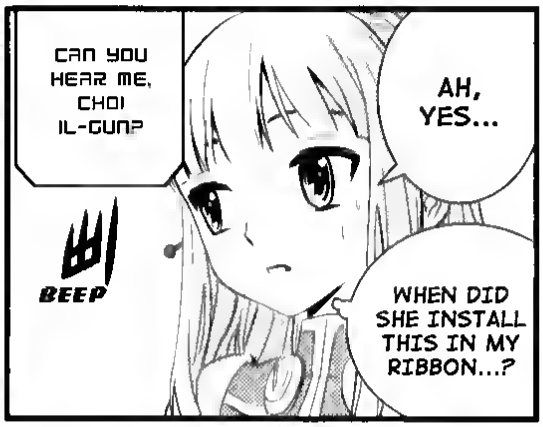

5 SHOTS ON-TARGET! THAT'S YOO HANA FOR YA!
BUT LAST TIME MARI HAD 6 SHOTS, RIGHT?!

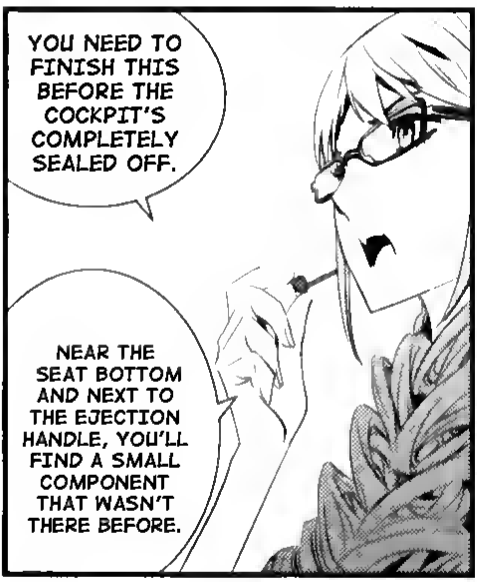
BAM
I MADE A MISTAKE --!!
I COULD HAVE HIT ONE MORE, BUT..!

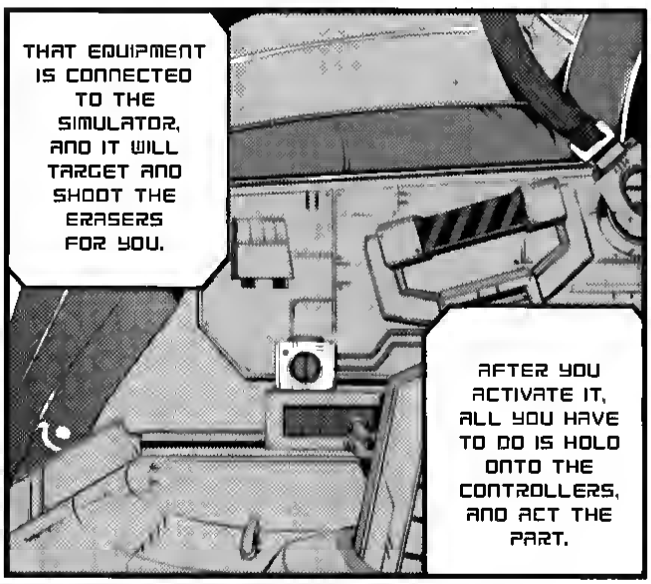
NEXT, 73008103, JANG MARI!
Y- YES, SIR!

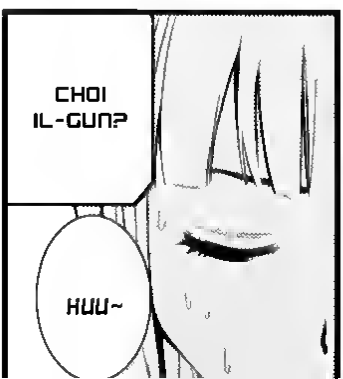
HAH~
HAH~

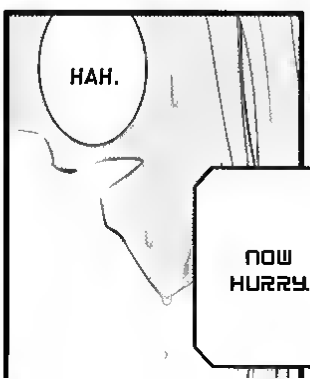
JIING
WE'RE CLOSING THE COCKPIT. 7 SECONDS TILL THE TEST STARTS...

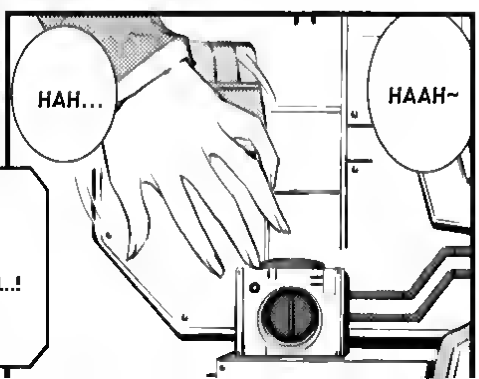

CAN YOU HEAR ME, CHOI IL-GUN?
BEEP
AH, YES...
WHEN DID SHE INSTALL THIS IN MY RIBBON...?


YOU NEED TO FINISH THIS BEFORE THE COCKPIT'S COMPLETELY SEALED OFF.
NEAR THE SEAT BOTTOM AND NEXT TO THE EJECTION HANDLE, YOU'LL FIND A SMALL COMPONENT THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE.

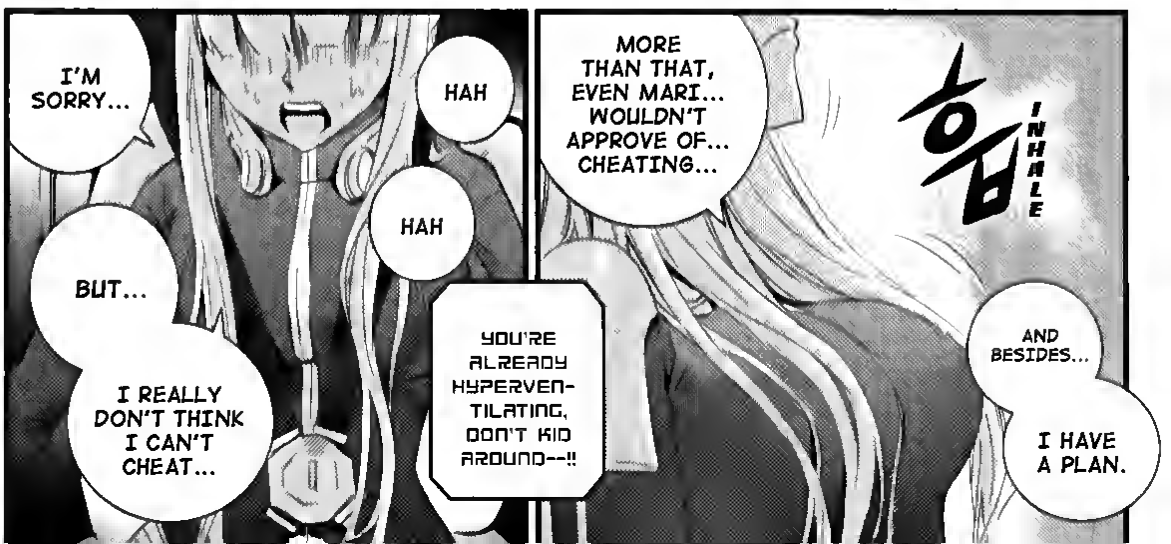

THAT EQUIPMENT IS CONNECTED TO THE SIMULATOR, AND IT WILL TARGET AND SHOOT THE ERASERS FOR YOU.
AFTER YOU ACTIVATE IT, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HOLD ONTO THE CONTROLLERS, AND ACT THE PART.


CHOI IL-GUN?
HUU~


HAH.
NOW HURRY..!

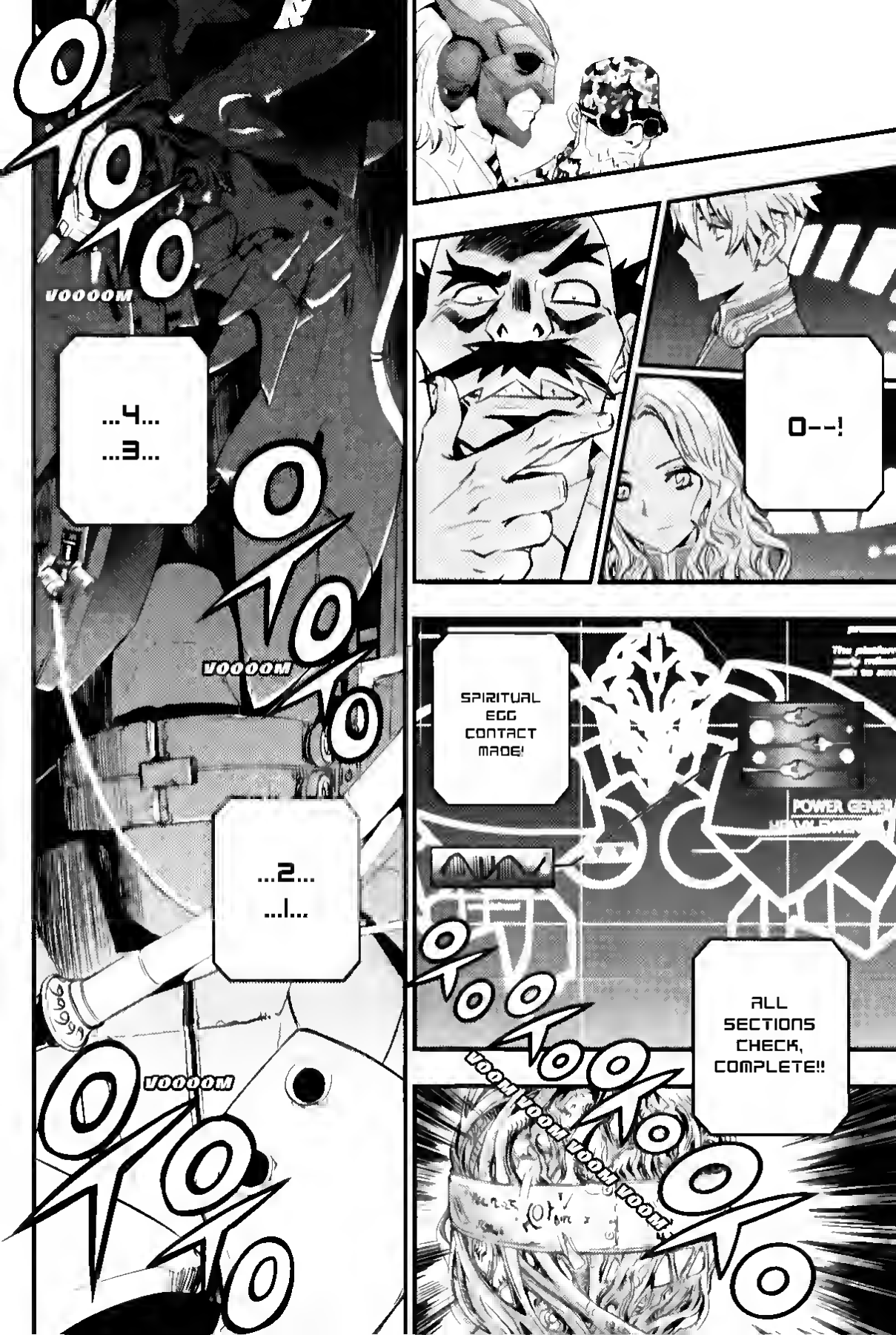

HAH...
HAAH~

R.R.R!!!!!P
HOLD ON! CHOI IL-GUN, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING --?!
WE CAN'T MANIPULATE THE SCORE IF YOU DO THAT...!


I'M SORRY...
HAH
HAH
BUT...
I REALLY DON'T THINK I CAN'T CHEAT...
YOU'RE ALREADY HYPERVEN-TILATING, DON'T KID AROUND--!!
MORE THAN THAT, EVEN MARI... WOULDN'T APPROVE OF... CHEATING...
흡 INHALE
AND BESIDES...
I HAVE A PLAN.

I'LL SHOW YOU I CAN PASS.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE HIGHEST SCORE, THOUGH...
---?!
COCKPIT LOCK--
CHK

WHOOOM
TEST, BEGIN!!
WHOOSH


VOOOOM
...4...
...3...
VOOOOM
...2...
...1...
VOOOOM
O--!
SPIRITUAL EGG CONTACT MADE!
ALL SECTIONS CHECK, COMPLETE!!
VOOM VOOM VOOM VOOM

THE
IRC //IRC.IRCHIGHWAY.NET/A-TEAM
A TEAM
PITY ALL OTHER SCANS!
WWW.PITYDAFOO.COM

HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT.

NEW UPLOADING RULES:
24 HOURS BEFORE YOU CAN MIRROR IT,
48 HOURS FOR ONLINE READERS

AND FOR ALL YOU INTERNATIONAL SCANLATORS,
CONTACT AND CREDIT US, IF YOU WANT TO
USE OUR WORK.

AND DO DONATE PLEASE.

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BEAST UNIT 9,
FLASH
PA-CHIK
FINAL SEAL RELEASED --!!